

# IRONY IN PICTURE BRIDE ~ CHAP. SIX

Names:

**Irony** is an implied discrepancy between what is said and what is meant. The use of words to convey the opposite of their literal meaning; a statement or situation where the meaning is contradicted by the appearance or presentation of the idea. **Three kinds of irony:**

1. **Verbal Irony** is when an author (character) says one thing and means something else.
2. **Dramatic Irony** is when an audience perceives something that a character in the literature does not know.
3. **Situational Irony** is a discrepancy between the expected result and actual results.



The evidence from the novel	What the character seems to say...	The verbal irony: What the character might really mean...
<p><b>Verbal Irony:</b> On page 29, Kiyoshi Yamaka seems to offer Hana good advice when he says, "You must never perform those tender chores for anyone now except your husband...A lonely man might mistake your kindness for something else."</p>	<p>Kiyoshi seems to be offering Hana wise advice on being a proper wife. He seems to be warning her of other men who might mistake her kindness as a desire for attention and affection.</p>	<p>Hint: When Yamaka says, "a lonely man," is he really talking about strange men in the community.</p>
<p><b>Dramatic Irony:</b> From page 31, we learn of how Taro's kindness and willingness to help made Yamaka's adjustment to America easier. Yamaka says, "He has always been a good friend to me."</p>	<p>The character seems to be giving her good advice by saying...</p>	<p>Ironically, despite Taro's assistance and friendship, the reader realizes that actually,</p>
<p><b>Dramatic Irony:</b> In chapter seven, Hana spends days preparing for a formal Japanese meal at hers and Taro's home for the New Year celebration.</p>	<p>Read pages 34 to the top of 38 in your group. If one were not aware of Hana's feelings towards Kiyoshi Yamaka, the reader might think Hana is so happy in this section because...</p>	<p>In reality, Hana's "greatest pleasure" (p. 36) was not pleasing her husband as he thought, but...</p>