

Hatchet

Chapter 19

Situational Irony

Situational irony occurs when what actually happens in a situation is the opposite of what we expect. Situational irony results from recognizing the oddness or unfairness of a given situation. Often, situational irony gives the reader a feeling of surprise or unfairness.

Examples of situational irony

- A man who has been afraid to fly in a plane all of his life finally has the courage to do it, and during his flight, the plane crashes.
- A woman who decides to go on a diet receives a year's supply of chocolate on the same day her diet begins.
- A fire house catches on fire.

Come up with your own example of situational irony.

What is ironic about the timing of the rescue plane? Explain why this is ironic.

With this situational irony, do you think it gives the reader more of a surprise or a feeling of unfairness? Explain your answer.
