

Examples – Satire Vocabulary



- Sarcasm – “Meet my brilliant son who dropped out of college.”
- Hyperbole – “It is the East & Juliet is the sun.”
- Parody – Scary Movie, SNL Weekend Update, Weird Al Yankovic.
- Burlesque - *Monty Python and The Holy Grail*; Alexander Pope’s “The Rape of the Lock” – to expose vanity.
- Caricature – Dickens’ “Mr. Chadband is a large yellow man, with a fat smile, and a general appearance of having a good deal of train oil in his system.”

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□ Double Entendre –

- ✓ “Marriage is a fine institution, but I’m not ready for an institution” - Mae West

William Shakespeare, Romeo and Juliet, Act II, Scene three.

- ✓ Nurse: God ye good morrow, gentlemen.
Mercutio: God ye good den, fair gentlewoman.
Nurse: Is it good den?
Mercutio: ‘Tis no less, I tell you; for the bawdy hand of the dial is now upon the prick of noon.
Nurse: Out upon you! What a man are you!

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- Incongruity – Shakespeare on Twitter
- Juxtaposition – Dickens’ “It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness...”



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- ❑ Malapropism – I am not under the *affluence* of alcohol.
- ❑ Oxymoron – governmental work
- ❑ Travesty – Prince Charles & Lady Di's wedding - sock puppets reciting serious vows.



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- ❑ Understatement – All four plane engines are not functioning & captain announces: “Ladies and Gentlemen, this is your Captain speaking. We have a small problem.”
- ❑ Lampoon –
- ✓ In *A Modest Proposal*, Swift satirizes the idea of eating infants, selling to wealthy people so that the poor could live easily. Swift makes fun of the fact that despite such grave problems, society has not done anything practically to solve it. Swift shows his concern for the bad state of affairs happening in Ireland; selling and consuming babies to wealthy people is completely immodest that lays emphasis on a satirical device lampoon, which is here directed against an insensitive society.
- ✓ Twain’s *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* - “Pretty soon I wanted to smoke, and asked the widow to let me. But she wouldn’t... Here she was a-bothering about Moses, which was no kin to her, and no use to anybody, being gone, you see, yet finding a power of fault with me for doing a thing that had some good in it. And she took snuff, too; of course that was all right, because she done it herself.” **Whom/What is Huck attacking?**

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□ Epigram –

- ✓ “Mankind must put an end to war, or war will put an end to mankind.” – *John F. Kennedy*
- ✓ “It is better to light a candle than curse the darkness.” – *Eleanor Roosevelt*

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