

Daily Language Devices

Sponge Activities with Quizzes
and Cumulative Tests

10 Weeks



WEEK 1		LANGUAGE DEVICES (Figures of Speech)	
verbal irony	Where the literal meaning is opposite of the actual meaning (sarcasm)		
dramatic irony	When the audience knows something that a character doesn't, usually making what he says more true (or false) than he realizes.		
situation irony	When the opposite happens of what is expected. (cosmic irony)		
ambiguity	The tendency of a poem to have a multiplicity of meanings. Good poems contain some element of ambiguity.		
A character is sentenced to die the next day, and that character wakes up that next day and says, "What a great day to live!"		Dramatic irony	
You expect Arnold Schwarzenegger to live in an action movie and he actually dies.		Situation Irony	
I say to a guy with a lime green tie that has flashing "Vegas" flashing on it, "Nice tie." Of course, I don't mean it.		Verbal Irony	
After he has plotted to kill his brother, Richard, Duke of Gloucester, tells his brother, "We are not safe, Clarence, we are not safe."		Dramatic irony	
You plant your garden after a number of showers and it stops raining for three months. The plants in your garden die.		Situation irony	
So much depends upon a red wheel barrow glazed with rain water beside the white chickens. -- William Carlos Williams		Ambiguity	
In the movie <i>Slapshot</i> , a down-and-out hockey team of misfits makes it to the championships.		situation irony	
"Something it is that doesn't love a wall." —Robert Frost		Ambiguity	
Your teacher tells you that you can only pass the class by NOT doing your homework.		Verbal irony	
The GREEN garments of the Green Knight in a poem can represent decay and death. He can also represent nature, fertility, and life.		Ambiguity	

DOA LANGUAGE DEVICES Week 1 Quiz

Directions: On your own paper, write the number and the device that best corresponds with the given example. Choose from **Verbal Irony**, **Situation Irony**, and **Dramatic Irony**.

1. “There is nothing more I can teach you since you seem to know it all,” the teacher said, snickering.
2. A rich man who has just had his wife executed tries to convince the father of a young girl that he is the best man to marry the girl, while revealing, unknowingly, that he has just killed his ex-wife.
3. In a short story, a girl sells her hair to buy her husband a chain for his pocket-watch. Meanwhile, the husband sells his watch to buy her a comb for her beautiful, long hair.
4. A friend says to another, “I really like that new hat you’re wearing. Where are you going in it, 1932?”
5. A singer states, “You picked a fine time to leave me Lucille. The children are hungry and you know how I feel. . .”
6. Antony states that “Brutus is an honorable man,” while pointing out all of his dishonorable actions.
7. Iago points out all the defects in another character to Othello while we, the audience, are well aware that Iago himself possesses all those defects.
8. Doug brags to his new friend about how much he has cheated on his taxes, while we, the audience, know that the friend works for the I.R.S. and has been investigating Doug.
9. A man pays for an expensive bus ticket that cannot be refunded, so that he can go to Dallas. He then finds out that his friend, who owns a car, is traveling to Dallas on the same day.
10. I just spent money to have my car washed and now it is raining for the first time in months. How ironic!

Cumulative Schemes Exam (Weeks 7-10)

Polyptoton	Epistrophe	Asyndeton	Polysyndeton	Anaphora
Anadiplosis	Apposition	Periphrasis	Epanalepsis	Antithesis
Antimetabole	Anastrophe	Parenthesis	Polyptoton	Climax

Choose which of the above schemes is the most obvious device used in each situation. Some may be used more than once.:

1. "Be one of the few, the proud, the Marines." --Marine Corps Advertisement
(*not climax or anaphora*)
2. "In years gone by, there were in every community men and women who spoke the language of duty and morality and loyalty and obligation."
--William F. Buckley
3. "Him God sent to folk for solace."
—*Beowulf*
4. "In times like these, it is helpful to remember that there have always been times like these. "
—Paul Harvey
5. Sorrow turned to laughter until laughter turned to sorrow. (*not epanalepsis*)
6. "Fear leads to anger. Anger leads to hate. Hate leads to suffering."
—Yoda
7. "To raise a happy, healthy, and hopeful child, it takes a family; it takes teachers; it takes clergy; it takes business people; it takes community leaders; it takes those who protect our health and safety. It takes all of us."
-- Hillary Clinton, *1996 Democratic National Convention Address*
8. "It can't be wrong if it feels so right" —Debbie Boone
9. My dog, a little angry thing, tore up my house. (*not parenthesis*)
10. As far as his physique is concerned, her boyfriend is no Brad Pitt, but he's not a Woody Allen either.

MORE EXAMPLES OF SCHEMES (Devices Involving Structure) WEEKS 7-10		
1	"I, too, was born in the slum. But just because you're born in the slum does not mean the slum is born in you , and you can rise above it if your mind is made up." -- Jesse Jackson	ANTIMETABOLE
2	"My Republican Party today -- it is not a conservative Party. It is soft on globalism. It is soft on big government. It is soft on the 2nd Amendment. It is soft on life." -- Pat Buchanan	ANAPHORA
3	"It has been my experience that folks who have no vices have very few virtues ." —Abraham Lincoln	ANTITHESIS
4	His house, a huge mess, caused his mother much frustration.	APPOSITION
5	His feelings of fear and dread were apparent on—but isn't that what every boyfriend experiences when he meets his girlfriend's parents?—his face.	PARENTHESIS
6	It's not that you're fat. You're just a bit on the husky side .	PERIPHRAISIS
7	He tried to run for President, and now he runs a convenience store.	POLYPTOTON
8	"...and that government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth." (<i>other than asyndeton or climax</i>) —Abraham Lincoln, <i>Gettysburg Address</i>	EPISTROPHE
9	"Jesus Christ came to pay a debt he did not owe because we owed a debt we could not pay." -- Greg Laurie, Harvest Christian Fellowship (<i>not polyptoton</i>)	ANTIMETABOLE
10	"Sick have I become. Old and weak. When nine hundred years old you reach, look as good you will not. Hmm?" —Yoda	ANASTROPHE
11	Summer led to fall, fall led to winter, winter led to spring, and spring led to yet another summer.	ANADIPLISIS