Irony

Irony means using words to describe something in a way that is other than it seems. Irony is often sarcastic. It is used both in general conversation and in the media, and often appears in the form of a metaphor or a simile.

EXAMPLE: The students were about as orderly as a herd of cats.

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DIRECTIONS: Read each sentence. Find the irony. Underline it.

1. Her explanation was as clear as mud.

2. They took the car so they would get there on time, but it accelerated like a go-cart.

3. The party was as much fun as plucking out my nose hairs.

4. The house was as well-kept as a cardboard box under an overpass.

5. That meal was about as satisfying as a Styrofoam cookie.

6. We did the project with the enthusiasm of death-row prisoners.

7. She kept her cool as well as a car with a broken water pump.

8. When we walked in the room our reception was as warm as ice cream.

9. The last question on the test was as easy as solving world hunger.

10. Her mind is about as sharp as a Nerf bullet.