

Passage ١ (From a hypothetical play about a politician)

Setting: A lavish office. Senator Thompson, known for his integrity, is accepting a large, (unmarked envelope from a shady lobbyist

you, my decisions are always guided by the best interests of the people." (He smiles thinly as he pockets the envelope.) "A man's reputation is his most valuable asset, wouldn't you agree

Question: What is the dramatic irony in Senator Thompson's statement about his decisions?
Answer: "being guided by the "best interests of the people"

Answer: The audience knows that the large, unmarked envelope likely contains a bribe, but the senator suggests that his decisions are actually influenced by self-interest and corruption, not the welfare of the public.

Question: How is the audience to interpret Thompson's statement "A man's reputation is his most valuable asset"

Answer: It reveals his awareness of the importance of maintaining a positive public image, despite his involvement in unethical behavior that undermines that image. His words are therefore ironic.

Passage ٢ (From a hypothetical play about a dysfunctional family)

Setting: The Smith family dining room. The mother, Carol, known for her terrible cooking, presents a burnt casserole proudly

Carol: "Dinner is served! I've poured my heart and soul into this dish. I hope you all enjoy my culinary masterpiece!" (Her children exchange knowing glances

Question: What is the dramatic irony present in Carol's description of the casserole as a "culinary masterpiece"

Answer: The audience knows, based on Carol's reputation for terrible cooking, that the casserole is likely to be inedible and far from a masterpiece. The dish will probably be unpalatable.

Question: What does the children exchanging knowing glances signify?

Answer: They signify their understanding of their mother's delusion and their shared expectation of a disappointing meal.

Passage ٣ (From a hypothetical play about a con artist)

Setting: A crowded marketplace. Arthur, a con artist, is selling "magic beans" to gullible customers

Arthur: "These beans, my friends, are your ticket to untold riches! Plant them tonight, and tomorrow, you'll have a beanstalk reaching to the sky! It's a sure thing

Question: Explain the dramatic irony in Arthur's sales pitch.

Answer: The audience knows that Arthur is a con artist and that the beans are likely ordinary and will not produce any magical results. The 'sure thing' is a lie.

Question: What effect does this character have on the audience?

Answer: It shows how this character may be taking advantage of gullible people. This character would cause mistrust in the audience and possibly show that it is the victims own fault if they believe what he says.

Passage ٤ (From a hypothetical play about a love story)

?Question: The use of dramatic irony, what impact does it have on the viewers .^Y

Answer: It builds tension in the audience when they know the characters don't know of the
.find out truth and want them to

:(From a hypothetical play about war) °Passage

?Question: How does the use of irony allow the writer to convey the futility of the war .[^]

.Answer: It shows how ironic the situation is

:(From a hypothetical play about revenge) ¹Passage

Question: How does the writer use irony to show the downfall of the character who had .⁹
?revenge

.Answer: It may have unexpected and ironic consequences

:(From a hypothetical play about a political leader) ^YPassage

?n political worksQuestion: Why is irony used a lot i .¹ •

.Answer: to criticize or satirize aspects of their decisions