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Literary Term #

Verbal Irony: occurs when either the speaker means something totally different than what he is saying or the audience realizes, because of their knowledge of the particular situation to which the speaker is referring, that the opposite of what a character is saying is true. Verbal irony also occurs when a character says something in jest that, in actuality, is true.

Example: HIGGINS. "...you shouldn't cut your old friends now that you have risen in the world. Thats [sic] what we call snobbery" (62).

Function Discussion

Context:

Concept: