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Written and conversational humour

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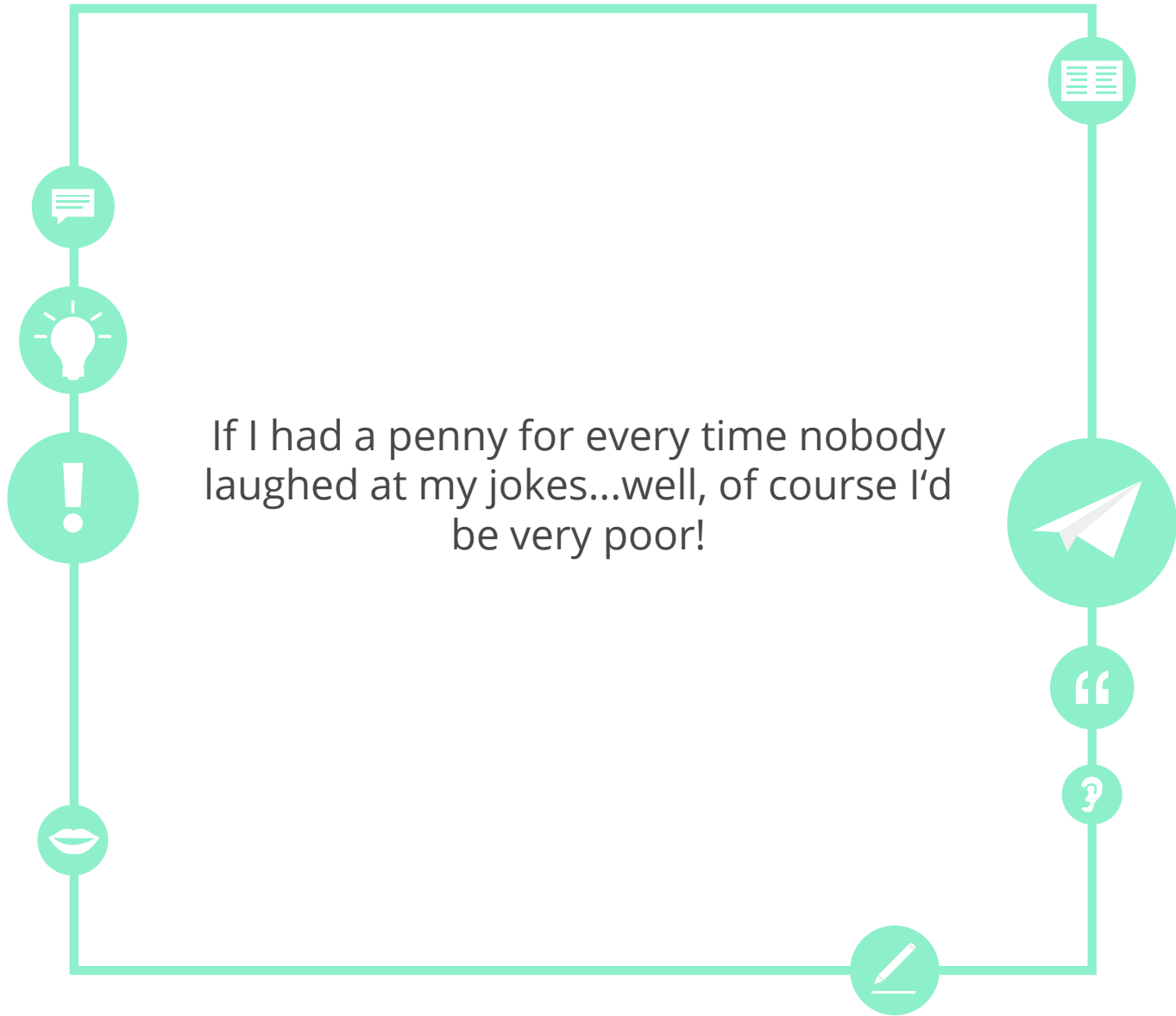


Goals

- Can explain the distinction between satire and parody.
- Can accurately produce my own examples of satire and parody.



If I had a penny for every time nobody
laughed at my jokes...well, of course I'd
be very poor!





Different types of humour

There's more to humour than just simple jokes. What different types of humour can you think of?





Different types of humour

Do you have a favourite comedian? What types of humour do they use?





Using humour to make a point



Are there any times when
humour is the most effective
way to make a point?

parody

satire

Parody and **satire** are two different types of comedy that share some similar elements, and use some of the same comedic **devices**. This makes the differences between them slightly confusing.



They did a great **parody** of that really famous rock band.



Did you read that **satirical** piece about the sorry state of public infrastructure?

parody

An **imitation** that makes fun of someone or something, usually a writer, artist, or genre of film or music.



My dog does a great **parody** of gangster rappers!

spoof

Another word for parody, usually of a film or film genre.



Have you seen that Robin Hood **spoof** where all the gender roles are switched? It's really funny.

exaggeration

Exaggeration focuses on a particular aspect of something and makes it bigger, better, worse or more important than it actually is. This is a device typically used by parodies to create an outrageous picture of the subject.



I love money so much, I'd sell my own kidney before giving one cent away!!



I'm going to die single! I might as well jump off a bridge and end it all now!



Parody

- **Parodies** work best with subjects that everyone is **familiar** with, like a famous person, popular song, or a film genre.
- Parodies usually target **very specific details** and incorporate them or **twist them around** to be funny.

Do you know what a **spaghetti western** is?

Original	Parody
Spaghetti western	All the cowboys are samurai
A hero from a fairytale	The hero has no horse and prances everywhere
Opera singer	The singer smokes and has a rough voice
Gangster rap	The rappers are Amish and live in the countryside



Don Quixote

One well-known parody in literature is the Spanish novel Don Quixote. Written in the style of a **16th-century romance**, author Cervantes **mocks** the **idealism** in stories of the age by sending knight Quixote and his overweight sidekick Sancho on adventures **fighting giants**—which are actually **windmills**—and duelling with a man who uses a **pillow as a shield**.

Look there, Sancho Panza, my friend, and see those thirty or so **wild giants**, with whom I intend to do battle and kill each and all of them, so with their stolen booty we can begin to enrich ourselves. This is **noble, righteous warfare**, for it is wonderfully useful for God to have such an **evil race** wiped from the face of the earth.





Parody of poems and lyrics

- A parody can also be extremely simple, like **changing the words** to a song or poem everyone knows. Take for example the famous romantic rhyme:

**Roses are red, violets are blue.
Sugar is sweet, and so are you.**

The words can be changed to make a new rhyme that is anything but romantic.

- Roses are red, violets are blue.
Monkeys like you belong in the zoo.
- Roses are red, violets are blue.
Don't give me flowers, 'cause I'll sneeze on you.
- Roses are red, violets are blue.
Brown is the colour of my feelings for you.



Read the dialogue. What are they parodying and why is it funny?



Rob, I want you to draw me like one of your human girls.

...Alright.



Wearing this.

...!





Create a parody

What are the most obvious qualities of the subjects below? How could you change or exaggerate them to create a parody? Would your parody be visual or a dialogue, or both?



music video
of your
favourite
song



your least
favourite film
genre



The plot

The characters

The setting

The ending



Try making your own Roses Are Red parody

Roses are red, _____.
_____ and
_____.





Your favourite parodies

**Do you have a
favourite parody?
Explain what it is and
what you like about
it.**

satire

Satire uses humour, **irony**, and **exaggeration** to point out a **problem** and try to **change the way people think** or show a **new perspective** on an issue.

It is most often used to criticise **politics**, **important people**, or topical **issues**.
Unlike parody, not all satire is meant to be funny.



My fellow citizens, I am not a robot!

irony

A **rhetorical device** that uses words to express the **exact opposite** of the **literal meaning**. Sarcasm is a form of verbal irony.

Irony can also be used to create a situation exactly opposite to what you might expect.



What do you mean, our marriage counsellor is getting a divorce?!



I loooove fish sandwiches, we should eat them every day!



Jonathan Swift's *A Modest Proposal*

- In the 18th century, the poor in Ireland were victim to a number of policies that tried to solve **problems** of overpopulation and poverty in **heartless ways**.
- Writer Jonathan Swift published a **satirical essay** that suggested eating babies as a solution to the problem of the rising population and food shortages.
- Swift was using **exaggeration** and **satire** in order to point out the absurdity of the policies in Ireland at the time. Read the excerpt below:

I do therefore humbly offer it to public consideration, that of the hundred and twenty thousand children, already computed, twenty thousand may be reserved for breed, whereof only one fourth part to be males; which is more than we allow to sheep, black cattle, or swine, and my reason is, that these children are seldom the fruits of marriage, a circumstance not much regarded by our savages.

A child will make two dishes at an entertainment for friends, and when the family dines alone, the fore or hind quarter will make a reasonable dish, and seasoned with a little pepper or salt, will be very good boiled on the fourth day, especially in winter.



Jonathan Swift's *A Modest Proposal*

What point do you think Swift wanted to get across with the following statements? Is there anything in the text you didn't understand?



'I do therefore humbly offer it to public consideration'

'...which is more than we allow to sheep'

'a circumstance not much regarded by our savages'



Effective or too far?

Do you think this was an effective way to draw attention to the problem? Do you think it was necessary to go into so much detail?





Satire in your country



Can you think of any examples of satire in your own country?
Do you have any satirical magazines or political comics?
How do you feel about them?



Create your own satire

Think of an issue in your own country or a general issue that is important to you that you think should be addressed with satire. What is it? How could you use exaggeration or irony to paint a satirical picture?

politics

inequality

social issue

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Can satire go too far?

Do you think that sometimes satire can go too far? Can you think of any examples? Do you believe it is an effective way of drawing attention to a problem?



Sarcasm

Is sarcasm a popular form of humour in your country? How good is your **sarcasm detector**?



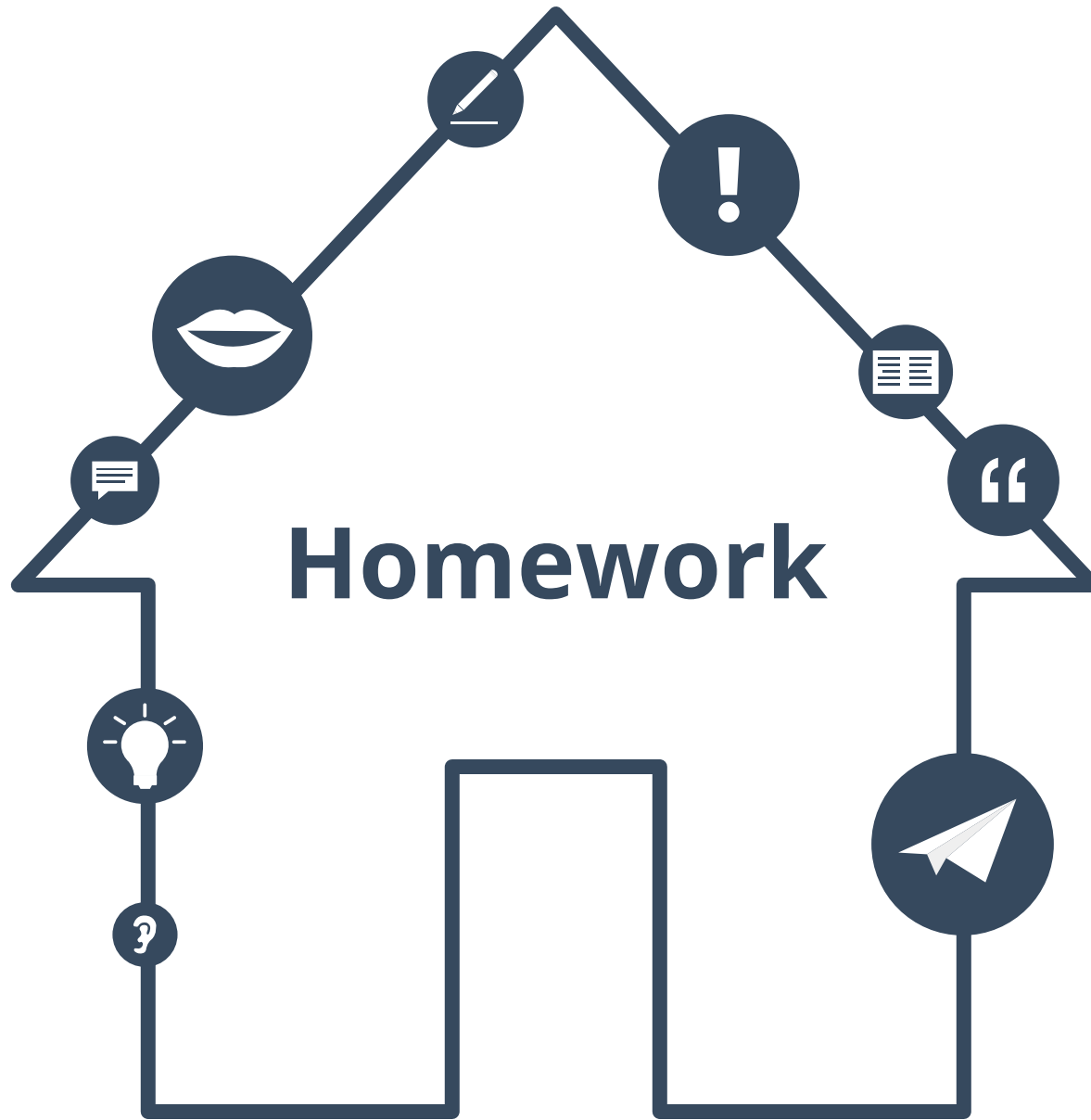


Reflect on the lesson

Take a moment to review any new **vocabulary, phrases, language structures** or **grammar points** you have come across for the first time in this lesson.

Review them with your teacher one more time to make sure you don't forget!

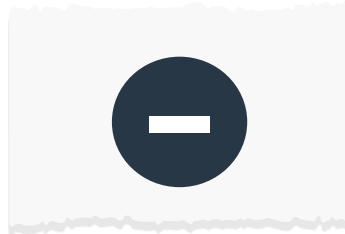






How was it?

Did you find the lesson easy or difficult? How well do you understand the difference between parody and satire?

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