

What They Really Mean : Sarcasm

today's issue: Have you ever not understood someone's sarcasm? Or has someone not understood your sarcasm? (I'm not being sarcastic!)

—>Maybe. But sometimes I just **pretend** that I don't understand it.

1. **Sarcasm** 諷刺

a. **sarcasm** [ˈsɑrkæzm] (n.) 諷刺

-It is difficult to convey sarcasm through writing.

b. **sarcastic** [sɑrˈkæstɪk] (adj.) 諷刺的

-I was being **sarcastic**. How could you not tell.

c. **irony** [ˈaɪrəni] (n.) 反語；冷嘲

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d. **ironic** [aɪˈrɒnɪk] (adj.) 用反語的；冷嘲的

-The man who invented the seat belt died in the car crash.
Oh wow that's pretty **ironic**.

2. opposite 相反的

a. opposite [ˈɒpəzɪt] (adj.) 相反的

-Hot is the opposite of the cold.

-Big is the opposite of the small.

b. oppose [ə`poz] (v.) 反對；反抗

-I oppose any laws that encourages **discrimination**.

-我反對任何鼓勵歧視的法律。

3. confusing 令人困惑的

a. confusing [kən`fju:zɪŋ] (adj.) 令人困惑的

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b. **puzzling** [`pʌzlɪŋ] (adj.) 令人困惑的

*puzzle 拼圖

-The stories my father tells are often quite puzzling.

-(I was puzzled by his stories.)

c. **baffling** [`bæf!ɪŋ] (adj.) 令人困惑的

* 比 **confusing** 更困惑，完全搞不清狀況

-We all found this **mystery** quite **baffling**.

-我們都覺得這個**謎題**很令人困惑。

That was sarcasm. Sarcasm is where people say the opposite of what they mean, and they use it to talk about things they don't like - it can be confusing.

那是諷刺。諷刺就是當人們說反話，並用它談論他們不喜歡的事情 - 它會令人感到困惑。