

IRONY

The Twist
that made O. Henry famous.

There are three kinds of irony:

- verbal irony
- dramatic irony
- situational irony

verbal irony

the difference between what
is said and what is meant

To: All English faculty
From: Department Chair
Subject: Big Words

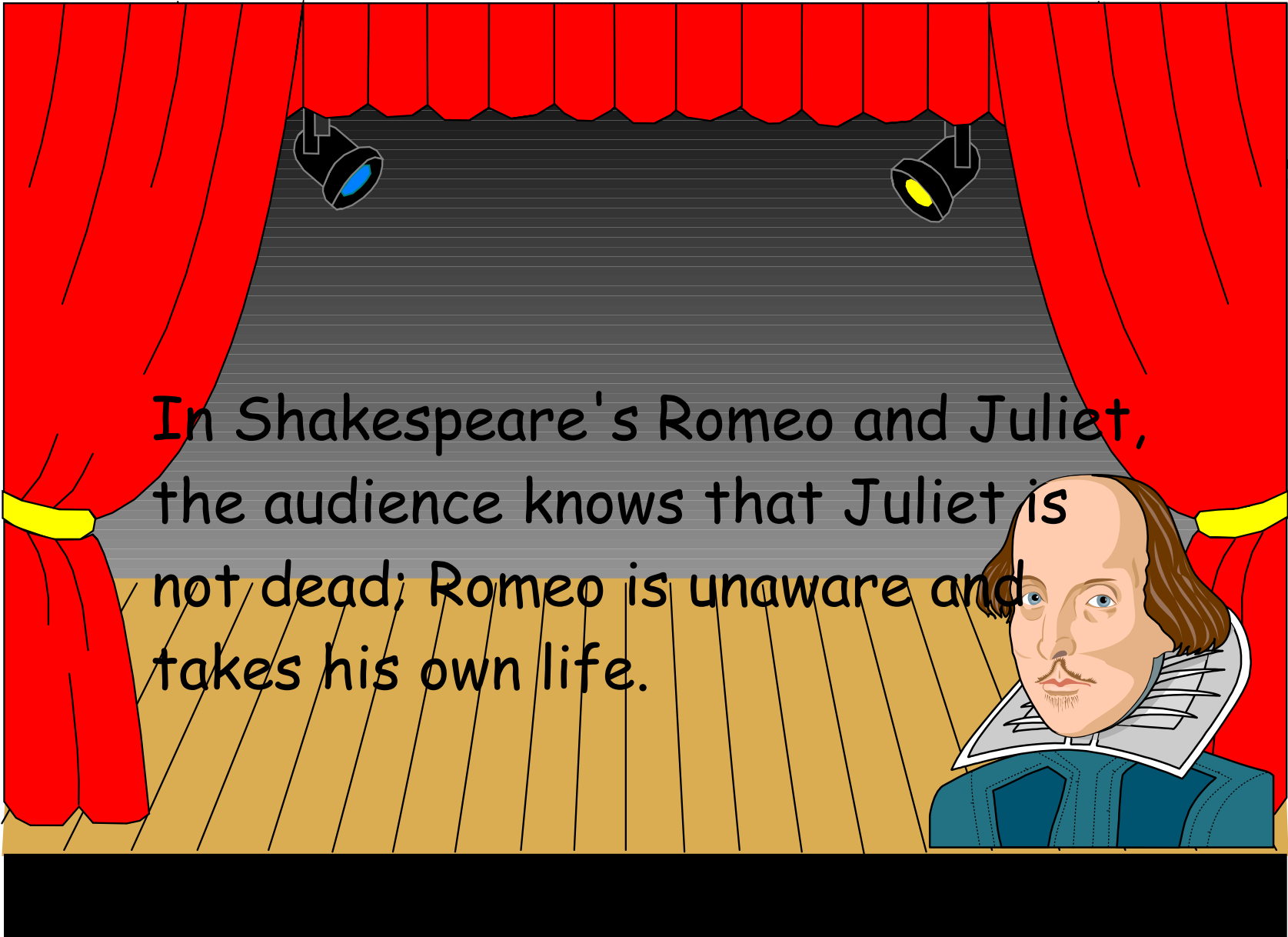


I have received another complaint from a student. The student says her teacher uses big words. I was sympathetic. I told her that college teachers sometimes use big words. I told her college students sometimes try to learn big words. She was not convinced. She was not satisfied. That is not good. Walt Disney teaches us that the customer is always right. We should do what Walt Disney tells us. That is why I ask that you not use big words. Thank you for not using big words.

Dramatic irony

The audience knows some thing that that character(s) don't know.





In Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*, the audience knows that Juliet is not dead; Romeo is unaware and takes his own life.

Situational Irony

The expected result does
not occur.

Think of a movie you have seen,
or a book you have read, that
leads you to believe one thing
will happen when another does.

Share that at your
table, then with the
class.



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