

Irony and Satire in Dickens's

OLIVER TWIST

In the novel *Oliver Twist*
Dickens uses irony to satirise
the Victorian society.

satire

- a way of using humour to show that someone or something is foolish, weak, bad, etc.;
- humour that shows the weaknesses or bad qualities of a person, government, society, etc.

- **the use of irony, sarcasm, or ridicule in exposing, denouncing, or deriding vice, folly, etc.**

Oliver Twist is filled
with satirical irony.

Dickens satirizes the institutions so prevalent in England at the time: workhouses, orphanages, unfair laws, and the justice system.

Dickens believed that these institutions were corrupt, unjust, and inhumane.