

# Warm Up to Irony!

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N Nothing is certain but death and taxes.  
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| <u>C</u> buy a bus pass                  | A. a hurricane floods the city |
| <u>D</u> win the lottery                 | B. oversleep and miss school   |
| <u>A</u> remodel your house              | C. win a car                   |
| <u>B</u> stay up late to finish homework | D. lose the winning ticket     |

## III. Explain the Irony

Briefly explain the irony in each statement below.

**Student's answers will vary; they should include references to:**

1. Liz parked her new car in two spaces at the mall so it wouldn't get dings. Because she was illegally parked, her car was towed and the tow truck was in an accident. Her car was totaled.

**Her caution to keep her car safe is what caused it to be hurt.**

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**They sold things to buy the other a gift they now couldn't use.**

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