

LITERAL VS SARCASTIC

IMAGINE YOU HAVE TWO DIFFERENT WAYS OF SAYING THINGS. ONE WAY MEANS EXACTLY WHAT YOU SAY, LIKE TELLING THE TRUTH. THE OTHER WAY IS LIKE SAYING THE OPPOSITE OF WHAT YOU REALLY MEAN, OFTEN TO BE FUNNY OR TO SHOW YOU'RE NOT HAPPY ABOUT SOMETHING.



Literal Language:

This is like saying exactly what you mean. It's like telling a fact.



Example 1: If you see a red ball, and you say, "That ball is red," you are being literal. You are saying exactly what you see.



Example 2: If someone asks you, "Do you want a cookie?" and you say, "Yes, please," you are being literal. You really do want a cookie.



Example 3: If it's raining outside and you say, "It is raining," you are being literal. You are saying exactly what is happening.

Sarcastic Language:

This is like saying the opposite of what you really mean. Sometimes your voice might sound a little different when you're being sarcastic, like you're making a joke.



Example 1: Imagine you trip and fall, and someone says, "Oh, that was graceful!" They don't really think you were graceful. They are being sarcastic because you were clumsy. Their voice might even sound a little silly.



Example 2: If you get a really bad grade on a test, and someone asks, "How was the test?" and you say, "It was amazing!" you are probably being sarcastic. You really mean it was terrible.



Example 3: If someone takes forever to get ready, and you're waiting, you might say, "Wow, you're so fast!!" You don't really think they are fast; you think they are slow. That's sarcasm.

LITERAL IS SAYING WHAT YOU MEAN, LIKE THE TRUTH. SARCASTIC IS SAYING THE OPPOSITE OF WHAT YOU MEAN, OFTEN TO BE FUNNY OR TO SHOW YOU'RE NOT PLEASED. YOU HAVE TO LISTEN TO THE WORDS AND SOMETIMES HOW THE PERSON SAYS THEM TO FIGURE OUT IF THEY ARE BEING LITERAL OR SARCASTIC!



LITERAL SCARCASTIC

READ THE SCENARIO AND SORT THEM BY WHETHER THEY ARE
TALKING LITERAL OR IF THEY ARE BING SARCASTIC.

LITERAL

SARCASTIC

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Large empty yellow rectangular area for sorting sarcastic scenarios.



Scenario 1: Your little brother spills his juice all over the table. Your mom sighs and says, "Oh, that's just *fantastic*."
Question: Are they being sarcastic or literal?

Scenario 2: You ask your dad what time dinner will be ready. He looks at his watch and says, "Dinner will be at six o'clock." Are they being sarcastic or literal?

Scenario 3: Your friend is taking a very long time to get ready to go outside. You say, "Wow, you're moving at the speed of light!" Are you being sarcastic or literal?

Scenario 4: Your friend is showing you a picture they drew. You look at it and say, "That drawing has a lot of blue in it." Are you being sarcastic or literal?

Scenario 5: Your teacher gives the class a pop quiz that everyone does poorly on. As the students groan, the teacher says with a smile, "Well, that was a *huge* success!" Are they being sarcastic or literal?

Scenario 6: Your teacher asks the class to open their textbooks to page 25. You hear another student say, "Okay, I will open my textbook to page 25." Are they being sarcastic or literal?

Scenario 7: You tell your dad a joke, and he doesn't laugh at all. He just stares blankly and says, "That was *hilarious*." Are they being sarcastic or literal?

Scenario 8: You ask your grandma if she likes the flowers you picked for her. She smiles and says, "These are flowers." Are they being sarcastic or literal?

Scenario 9: Your sibling makes a big mess in their room. When your parent sees it, they say, "Your room looks *so* organized!" Are they being sarcastic or literal?

Scenario 10: Your sibling asks if they can have a piece of cake. Your parent says, "You can have a piece of cake after you finish your vegetables." Are they being sarcastic or literal?

Scenario 11: It's raining heavily outside, and you were hoping to play in the park. Your friend looks out the window and says cheerfully, "What *lovely* weather for a picnic!" Are they being sarcastic or literal?

Scenario 12: You are playing a board game with your cousin. They read the instructions aloud: "Move your game piece forward three spaces." They then move their piece exactly three spaces. Are they being sarcastic or literal?

Scenario 13: You try to build a tower with blocks, but it keeps falling over. After the tenth time, your other friend says, "You're doing a *great* job!" Are they being sarcastic or literal?

Scenario 14: Your friend asks you what you did today. You reply, "I went to the park and played on the swings." Are you being sarcastic or literal?

Scenario 15: Your grandpa tells a very long and boring story. When he finally finishes, you say, "That was the *shortest* story I've ever heard!" Are you being sarcastic or literal?

Scenario 16: Your pet dog is wagging its tail and barking excitedly when you come home. You say, "You seem happy to see me." Are you being sarcastic or literal?

Scenario 17: Your classmate comes to school wearing mismatched socks. You point at their feet and say, "Nice socks!" with a bit of a teasing tone. Are you being sarcastic or literal?

Scenario 18: Your coach tells the team, "The practice will start at 4:00 PM sharp. Please be on time." You arrive at the field at exactly 4:00 PM. Are you being sarcastic or literal?

Scenario 19: You ask your mom if you can have another cookie before dinner, and she says in a very firm voice, "Yes, absolutely. Have ten more!" Are they being sarcastic or literal?

Scenario 20: You see a sign that says, "Wet Paint. Do Not Touch." Your other friend points at the sign and says, "It says 'Wet Paint. Do Not Touch.'" Are they being sarcastic or literal?

