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Definition

The speaker intends that something other than the literal meaning of their words be understood.

Example

A girl wants to get back at her brother for telling on her to her parents. Their mother has been scolding him for not keeping his room clean. The girl, who is always very neat, offers to help her brother clean up his room. While she is there and he is doing something else, she goes into his backpack, removes the term paper he has been working on all semester, and throws it into the garbage bag. As she carries the full trash bag out of his room, her brother thanks her for her help and says, "I won't get in trouble now." She responds by saying, "You definitely will not get in trouble for having a messy room."

Example from Reading Passage