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Verbal irony means saying one thing when you actually mean something else. A speaker who uses verbal irony intends what they say to be understood in a way that is different from the literal meaning of the words.

Sarcasm is more abrasive and insincere than verbal irony. Verbal irony can be sarcastic, but it's typically benign.

Socratic irony is a way of asking questions used by the ancient Greek teacher and philosopher Socrates, in which he pretends not to know something and asks seemingly innocent questions. However, the questioner is actually trying to draw out information that they already know. Verbal irony does not include aspects of insincerity or deception.