



## ANSWERS

Sardonic means dry, understated or mocking speech or writing. A sardonic comment is accurate, is a little mean, and is intended to be funny, although it is delivered with a straight face. The word sardonic can also be used to describe a person.

It is an adjective.

It is from Greek sardonios 'of Sardinia', alteration of sardanios, used by Homer to describe bitter or scornful laughter.

Sardonic speech is found in everyday interactions, literature, and film. It is a technique for being funny.

Related words: cynicism, sarcasm, wit

Sardonic characters will vary.