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27 PAGES

SARCASM SOCIAL SKILLS GRADES 3-8

Sarcasm Social Skills

Start here 32 scenario cards literal or sarcastic?

What's inside

- **32 scenario cards** (pages 15-18): a short scene with invented students and what one of them says. 16 literal, 16 sarcastic. 8 cards a page, edge to edge for straight cuts.
- **A sort mat** (page 10): Literal, Sarcastic and Not sure yet
- **Four clue pages**: the clue guide (page 6), say it two ways (page 7) and 2 face-clue pages with 12 faces (pages 8-9)
- **Writing pages**: a clue organizer (page 11), what it really means (page 12) and your turn (page 13)
- **Response frames** (page 14): 8 things to say when you are not sure
- **16 blank type-in cards** (pages 19-20)
- **For you**: a worked example (page 5), a data sheet (page 21), a progress snapshot (page 22), an answer key (pages 23-24) and a note home (page 25)

Three steps

1. Read a card. Check the clues on page 6.
2. Decide: literal or sarcastic. Sort it on the mat.
3. Check the key. Write the result on the data sheet.

Which page when

- **First lesson**: clue guide (page 6), then say it two ways (page 7).
- **Practice**: scenario cards in order. Page 15 tells the voice. Page 18 is the subtlest.
- **Looking at faces**: pages 8-9.
- **Talking back**: response frames (page 14).

A note on this set

These are classroom practice pages for talking about what people mean. They are not a test, a screening or a program, and nothing here replaces what a teacher or specialist decides for a student. Every scene is about a situation, never a person's body, family or ability. Any card can be skipped.

PREVIEW

My name _____

Read a card. Is it literal or sarcastic?



Lunch ● 2

The lunch line is very long and slow. Leo rolls his eyes and says in a flat voice, "Wow, this is so fast."

○ Literal ○ Sarcastic



Sports ● 4

Eli sinks the last shot of the game. His coach smiles and says in a loud, happy voice, "What a great shot, Eli!"

○ Literal ○ Sarcastic



Home ● 6

Jada sets the table without being asked. Her mom says in a warm voice, "Thank you, Jada. That helps me a lot."

○ Literal ○ Sarcastic



Weather ■ 13

Dev steps in a big puddle in his new shoes. He says, "Great. My shoes are totally dry now."

○ Literal ○ Sarcastic



Reading ■ 14

Ms. Park asks who wants to read first. Lily raises her hand and says, "I will read first."

○ Literal ○ Sarcastic



Sports ■ 15

Nate drops the ball three times in a row. He laughs and says, "I am the best player on the whole field."

○ Literal ○ Sarcastic

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A Card, Worked Through

An invented student named Theo checks the clues. The names in this book are made up.



School ■ 9

Everyone is waiting. Kai is ten minutes late to the group project. Zoe says, "Wow, you are right on time."

○ **Literal** ○ **Sarcastic**

Words
They say "right on time."

Situation
Kai is ten minutes late.

Do they fit?
No. The words and the situation do not fit.

Answer
Sarcastic

Theo's card check

Card	Theo said	Key says	Right?
9	Sarcastic	Sarcastic	yes
10	Literal	Literal	yes
11	Sarcastic	Sarcastic	yes
12	Literal	Literal	yes
13	Literal	Sarcastic	no
14	Literal	Literal	yes
15	Sarcastic	Sarcastic	yes
16	Sarcastic	Literal	no

What it shows

- Theo tried the 8 cards on page 16: cards 9 to 16.
- He found 3 of the 4 sarcastic cards and 3 of the 4 literal cards.
- He missed cards 13 and 16. On card 13 he said literal, but the words say dry and the shoes are wet. On card 16 he said sarcastic, but the words fit the pizza day.
- Next time he checks the situation first. Write the numbers on the data sheet (page 21).

Check it

8 cards tried. 6 right and 2 missed, so 6 + 2 = 8. Sarcastic cards found: 3 of 4. Literal cards found: 3 of 4. And 3 + 3 = 6.

PREVIEW

My name _____

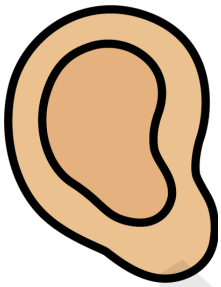
Check the clues.

Words



What did they say? Does it fit what happened?

Voice



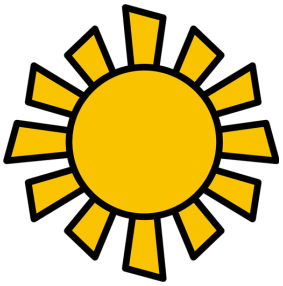
Listen. Is it flat, slow or sing-song?

Face



Look. Is it an eye roll or a fake smile?

What happened



Is it really good, or really not?



Sarcasm says the opposite.

It is 100 degrees at recess. Sam says, "What a cool day."

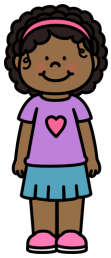
The words say cool. The hot sun says not cool. Sarcastic!

Check two clues or more.

PREVIEW

My name _____

Look at the face. Then read the words.



"We get extra recess today!"

The face looks: _____

Face and words:
- ◯ match
- ◯ do not match



"Wow, this is so exciting."

The face looks: _____

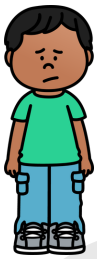
Face and words:
- ◯ match
- ◯ do not match



"I cannot wait for the field trip!"

The face looks: _____

Face and words:
- ◯ match
- ◯ do not match



"Oh good, it is raining again."

The face looks: _____

Face and words:
- ◯ match
- ◯ do not match



"I miss my friend. She moved away."

The face looks: _____

Face and words:
- ◯ match
- ◯ do not match



"I just love when you do that."

The face looks: _____

Face and words:
- ◯ match
- ◯ do not match

PREVIEW

My name _____

Sort your cards on the mat.

Literal

It means what it says.



Sunny day: “What a nice day.”

Sarcastic

It means the opposite.



Hot day: “What a cool day.”

Not sure yet

Look for more clues.



Check the voice and the face.

PREVIEW

My name _____

Say what it really means.

The bus is late and it is cold.
“What a great morning.”

It really means:

Tom trips and drops his lunch tray.
“Smooth move.”

It really means:

The movie is very boring.
“This is so exciting.”

It really means:

Your teacher says there is a pop quiz.
“Oh good, I was hoping for that.”

It really means:

It is raining at your picnic.
“Perfect picnic weather.”

It really means:

Your pencil breaks again.
“Wonderful.”

It really means:

PREVIEW

My name _____

Use these when you are not sure.

I think you are joking. Am I right?

Did you mean _____ ?

Your words say _____ , but your voice sounds _____ .

Can you say that in a plain way?

I did not get that. What did you mean?

Ha! Good one. I get it.

I think that was sarcasm.

Please stop. I do not like that joke.

My own way to ask:

If a joke feels mean

You can say, "Please stop." Then tell a grown-up you trust.

PREVIEW

Cut on the dashed lines.



Home ■ 17

Rosa's toys are all over her bedroom floor. Her dad says, "I see you cleaned your room."

○ Literal ○ Sarcastic



School ■ 18

The bus is late and it is cold. Finn says, "I hope the bus comes soon. I am cold."

○ Literal ○ Sarcastic



Weather ■ 19

It is 95 degrees and the air conditioner stops working. Mia says, "Oh, it is so nice and cool in here."

○ Literal ○ Sarcastic



Reading ■ 20

Sam finishes a book he loved. He says, "That was a great book. Can I get the next one?"

○ Literal ○ Sarcastic



School ■ 21

Tess has three pages of math to do on a Friday. She says, "This is the best day ever."

○ Literal ○ Sarcastic



Home ■ 22

Grandpa teaches Ivy to bake bread. Ivy says, "I like kneading the dough. It is fun."

○ Literal ○ Sarcastic



Sports ■ 23

Jo trips over her own feet at the start of the race. She says, "Smooth. Very smooth."

○ Literal ○ Sarcastic



Lunch ■ 24

Noah's friend gives him half of a cookie. Noah says, "Thanks! That was nice of you."

○ Literal ○ Sarcastic

PREVIEW

Cut on the dashed lines.



My card

Clue:



My card

Clue:



My card

Clue:



My card

Clue:



My card

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My card

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My card

Clue:

PREVIEW

Card Check Data Sheet

One row for each card a student tries. Write L for literal and S for sarcastic. Use the key on pages 23-24.

Student _____ Group or class _____ Week of _____

Date	Card	Student said	Key says	Right?	Clue used

Cards tried _____ Cards right _____

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Answer Key: Scenario Cards

16 literal and 16 sarcastic. Each card page holds four of each. Shapes match the card: voice told, situation, subtle.

1	●	Literal	The words, the voice and the situation all fit.
2	●	Sarcastic	Flat voice and an eye roll. The words say fast, but the line is slow.
3	●	Sarcastic	Flat voice and a sigh. The words say perfect, but it is a mess.
4	●	Literal	The words, the voice and the situation all fit.
5	●	Sarcastic	Slow, groaning voice. The words say good, but he is not glad.
6	●	Literal	The words, the voice and the situation all fit.
7	●	Sarcastic	Flat voice. The words say favorite, but he does not like homework.
8	●	Literal	The words, the voice and the situation all fit.
9	■	Sarcastic	The words say on time, but Kai is late.
10	■	Literal	The words fit what happened.
11	■	Sarcastic	The words say fancy, but the sandwich is squished.
12	■	Literal	The words fit what happened.
13	■	Sarcastic	The words say dry, but his shoes are soaked.
14	■	Literal	The words fit what happened.
15	■	Sarcastic	The words say best, but he just dropped the ball three times.
16	■	Literal	The words fit what happened.
17	■	Sarcastic	The words say cleaned, but the floor is covered in toys.
18	■	Literal	The words fit what happened.
19	■	Sarcastic	The words say cool, but the room is hot.
20	■	Literal	The words fit what happened.
21	■	Sarcastic	The words say best, but she is not happy about the math.
22	■	Literal	The words fit what happened.
23	■	Sarcastic	The words say smooth, but she tripped.
24	■	Literal	The words fit what happened.
25	▲	Literal	It sounds big, but the words fit a big win.
26	▲	Sarcastic	The words say thanks, but he took her cookie.
27	▲	Literal	The words fit what happened.
28	▲	Sarcastic	The words say good, but the shirt is stained.
29	▲	Literal	The words fit what happened.
30	▲	Sarcastic	The words say lovely, but she is soaked.
31	▲	Literal	The words fit what happened.
32	▲	Sarcastic	The words say love, but waiting is not fun.

PREVIEW

Note Home

Type or write what we practiced, then send this page home.

For the family

This week we practiced telling when someone means what they say (literal) and when they mean the opposite (sarcastic). We check four clues: the words, the voice, the face and what happened. Here is what we worked on:

Thank you for talking about this at home!

Try it at home

- Pick a show or a book. When a character says something funny, ask: Did they mean it?
- Ask: What clue told you? The words, the voice, the face or what happened?
- Take turns saying one plain sentence and one sarcastic sentence about a rainy day.
- Keep it short and kind. Sarcasm should never be about a person's body or family.

Student: _____ Date: _____ From: _____

PREVIEW