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**Literary Analysis SkillBuilder**

**Irony**

The difference between what is expected to happen and what exists or actually happens is called **irony**. The most common kind of irony is **situational irony,** which occurs when a character-or the reader-expects on thing to happen but something entirely different occurs. Use the chart below to explain situational irony in the story. For each character, identify what is expected to happen.

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| Situational Irony |
| What Della plans: | What actually happens: |
| What Jim plans:  | What actually happens: |

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**Active Reading SkillBuilder**

**Predicting:**

As you read write three predictions about how the story will come out. After reading, note whether you were right or whether O. Henry surprised you.

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| Prediction | Right or Surprised |
| 1 |  |
| 2 |  |
| 3 |  |

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