



THE LIGHTNING THIEF:

Analyzing Characters' Dialogue

In *The Lightning Thief*, Percy Jackson's matter-of-fact statements, as well as his wit, bring humor to the novel. Not only does Percy's sense of humor show throughout the novel, but we see his friends, and even some of his enemies, use similar ways to communicate.

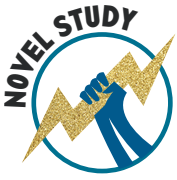
Authors use literary techniques such as verbal irony and sarcasm to develop funny and dramatic situations. These techniques help move the story forward and help readers understand the characters' personalities and motivations.

- **Verbal irony** is when a character says something that's different from what they really mean or feel.
- **Sarcasm** is also when a character says something that's different from what they really mean or feel, but it's meant to mock or ridicule. Sarcasm relies on the speaker's tone of voice, which is often negative. Sarcasm can be used to criticize someone or something, show disapproval, or poke fun at something.



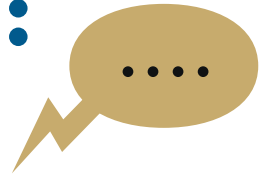
Consider the dialogue in *The Lightning Thief*. Record humorous examples and their context, and explain their impact. An example has been done for you.

<p>Example:</p> <p>(Chapter 16)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Why can't you place a blessing like that on us?" I asked. • "It only works on wild animals." • "So it would only affect Percy," Annabeth reasoned. 	
<p>Context:</p> <p>Grover places a satyr's sanctuary on the animals being smuggled in the truck to ensure they'll get to safety. Percy, Grover, and Annabeth are figuring out how they can leave and continue their quest.</p>	<p>Impact:</p> <p>Annabeth's response brings humor to a stressful event in the book. By poking fun at Percy, she lightens the mood. It also demonstrates the "playful" relationship between Annabeth and Percy.</p>
<p>Example:</p>	
<p>Context:</p>	<p>Impact:</p>



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Keep going! Record two more examples and their context, and explain their impact. Then, respond to the prompt.

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How did Rick Riordan's use of verbal irony and sarcasm throughout the novel impact your experience as a reader? Consider how it shaped your opinion of the characters. Did it help you enjoy the novel more? Explain.
