

AN IMPORTANT CONCEPT

INCONGRUITY

TAKES NUMEROUS FORMS AND HAS MANY ASSOCIATIONS

Main Entry: **IN·CONGRUITY** Pronunciation Guide

Pronunciation: |in+

Function: *noun*

Etymology: Middle French or Late Latin; Middle French *incongruité*,
from Late Latin *incongruitat-*, *incongruitas*, from *incongruus* + Latin *-itat-*, *-itas* -ity

1 : the quality or state of being **incongruous** : lack of congruity :

INCONSISTENCY, INHARMONY, DISAGREEMENT

2 : something that is **incongruous** : a thing that lacks harmonious or rational relation to its environment

<Victorian *incongruities* in a typically mid-20th-century setting>

Webster's Third New International Dictionary, Unabridged. Merriam-Webster, 2002. <http://unabridged.merriam-webster.com> (20 Nov. 2007).

ambiguity

ambivalence

comedy

contradiction

cosmic irony

complexity

dissonance

dramatic irony

humor

inconsistency

juxtaposition

sarcasm

satire

situational irony

tragedy

verbal irony