Humorous Devices

1. Exaggeration

Hyperbole

Understatement

2. Mock Seriousness: making fun using literature

or history or current event

Allusion

3. Sarcasm (from the Greek “to tear flesh”)

\* Saying the opposite of what you

mean ( VERBAL IRONY) with the intent to ridicule

\* Saying something which will hurt the receiver

\* Ridiculing the victim

4. Absurdity

\* Ridiculous; unreasonable

\* Irrational

\* Could not really happen

5. Unusual Word Choice