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## Task for Don't Call Me Ishmael

## **Types of humour**

Language features	Explanation	Examples from: Don't call me Ishmael
Hyperbole	Exaggeration/overstatement	
Litote	Understatement	
Ironic	Meaning the opposite of what is stated	
Juvenile /childish	Silly words/pranks	
Parodic	Imitation used to ridicule	
Sarcasm	Like irony but delivered in a tone	
Self-deprecating	Putting yourself down	
Situational	Based on the situation	
Slapstick	Physical comedy involving body	
Toilet humour	Referring to 'toilet' matters	
Blend word	Words combined to create humour	
Banter	Exchange of witty remarks	
Anecdotes	A story that has a humorous ending	
Repartee	Quick witty comebacks	
Pun	A play on words – similar in sound but different meaning	
Innuendo	Implying something without being direct	
Malapropism	When a word sounds similar to another but has very different meaning (I am effluent instead of I am affluent)	
Joke	Often phrased as question and answer showing the absurdity of a situation	