

# Paraprosdokians

*Sentences that Throw you a Curve*

Paraprosdokian is a figure of speech characterized by an abrupt change of direction at the end. It is a phrase that intentionally leads us down the garden path, that misleads us into thinking one way, then suddenly ending on an unexpected twist.



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Two wrongs don't make a right—but three lefts do.

Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.



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If I agreed with you we'd both  
be wrong.

War does not determine who  
is right—only who is left.



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Whenever I fill out an application, in the part that says "If an emergency, notify . . . , " I put "DOCTOR".



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I saw a woman wearing a  
sweat shirt with "Guess"  
written on it...so I said  
"Implants?"



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A clear conscience is usually  
the sign of a bad memory.

Some cause happiness  
wherever they go; others  
whenever they go.  
—*Oscar Wilde*



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When tempted to fight fire with  
fire, remember that the Fire  
Department usually uses  
water.

You're never too old to learn  
something stupid.



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"If I am reading this graph  
correctly — I'd be very  
surprised." —*Stephen Colbert*

"On his feet he wore ...  
blisters." —*Aristotle*



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Change is inevitable, except  
from a vending machine.

"I've had a perfectly wonderful  
evening, but this wasn't it."  
—*Groucho Marx*



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