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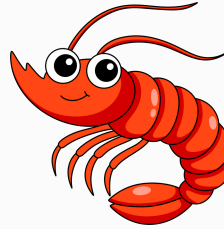
What is an Oxymoron?



An oxymoron is a figure of speech that combines two contradictory terms or ideas to create a new phrase that appears to be self-contradictory or illogical, but which may actually have a deeper meaning.

Examples of oxymorons include:

Jumbo Shrimp



Living Dead

Dark Light

Wise Fool



Deafening Silence

These phrases combine words that seem to be opposite in meaning to create a unique and often surprising effect.

Oxymorons are often used in literature, poetry, and everyday language to create vivid and memorable descriptions or to add humor or irony to a statement. They can also be used to draw attention to the complexity and contradictions of a particular situation or idea.

In some cases, oxymorons may also be used to suggest a deeper truth or meaning that lies beyond the surface contradictions of the phrase. For example, the phrase "sweet sorrow" in Shakespeare's play *Romeo and Juliet* suggests the bittersweet nature of love and the pain that often accompanies it.

Now that you know what an oxymoron is, your task is to listen to the following conversations, and identify all the oxymorons you hear. There are seven oxymorons total. Good luck

Underline each oxymoron from the text below. There are seven total.

Hey, I got some old news for you.

I bet you do, you wise fool.

Hey, just let me tell you what happened.

Fine.

So this is kind of an open secret, but Mark started dating Jenny.

What!

Yeah, crazy, huh.

I didn't even know they knew each other.

I know. It's seriously funny. I mean he is super passive aggressive.

Yeah, I don't think that will work for Jenny. She is so direct with everyone about everything.

But hey, who are we to judge.

Yup, who knows.

By the way, where did they meet?

There was a small crowd outside of Tim's house last month, and they started talking. They have been on a handful of dates since then.

Well, that's some awfully good news.

Yup. I totally agree.

Answers:

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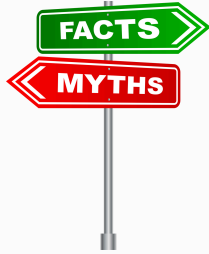
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Here is a list of oxymorons. Your challenge is to incorporate at least five into a creative story. Be imaginative—use them to add humor, suspense, or an unexpected twist to your writing.

- Deafening silence
- Bittersweet
- Living dead
- Act naturally
- Jumbo shrimp
- Virtual reality
- Old news
- Awfully good
- Original copy
- Clearly confused
- Alone together
- Passive-aggressive
- Small crowd
- Only choice
- True myth



Example Story:

The room was filled with **deafening silence** as Jake stared at the **original copy** of the mysterious letter. It was **old news**, yet it felt like a fresh wound. He let out an empty sigh, trying to make sense of the **true myth** before him.

"If this is real..." he whispered, his voice clearly confused.

A knock at the door startled him. He opened it to find a stranger with a **bittersweet** smile.

"You shouldn't have read that," the man said.

Jake swallowed hard. Some secrets were meant to stay buried—until they weren't.

