

**Answer Key****Awfully Great Oxymorons**

An **oxymoron** is a figure of speech made up of two words that have opposite meanings. Writers use these contradictory phrases as a way to add a dramatic effect to their writing.



**Directions:** Connect a word in the first column with a word in the second column to create an oxymoron. Then write the oxymoron on the blank line.

honest	risk	<u>calculated risk</u>
clearly	classic	<u>instant classic</u>
loud	thief	<u>honest thief</u>
instant	difference	<u>same difference</u>
calculated	whisper	<u>loud whisper</u>
same	confused	<u>clearly confused</u>

**Directions:** Read each sentence and explain the meaning of the underlined oxymoron.

**Example:** Mom said that broccoli soup is my only choice for dinner.

There is not actually a choice, there is only one option.

1. My brother and I are always fighting. We have a love hate relationship.

We act like we hate one another, even though we have love for each other.

2. That rumor about Nate is old news. Everyone has heard it!

It is not actually new information.

3. "Problem solved!" my mom shouted after she fixed the flat tire.

It is no longer a problem.

4. When we asked about homework, our teacher said it was a definite possibility.

It is probably going to happen.