

**ANSWERS****Oh My Oxymoron**

An **oxymoron** is a figure of speech made up of two or more words that actually have opposite meanings. Writers often use these contradictory phrases as a way to add emotion or a certain mood to their writing.

It's an open secret  
that oxymorons  
are fun!



**Directions:** Include each oxymoron in your own, unique sentence. **Students' answers will vary.**

1. painfully beautiful      You look painfully beautiful today.
2. icy hot      \_\_\_\_\_
3. bitter sweet      \_\_\_\_\_
4. jumbo shrimp      \_\_\_\_\_
5. clearly misunderstood      \_\_\_\_\_
6. good grief      \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions:** Connect each word in the first column with one word in the second column to create an oxymoron. Then include each oxymoron in your own, unique sentence. **Students' sentences will vary.**

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| only      | lucky   | <u>awfully lucky</u>                         |
| open      | secret  | <u>open secret</u>                           |
| awfully   | missing | <u>found missing</u>                         |
| found     | choice  | <u>His only choice was to take the exam.</u> |
| deafening | silence | <u>deafening silence</u>                     |

**Directions:** Select one oxymoron from above and explain its meaning. **Students' answers will vary.**

Oxymoron: \_\_\_\_\_

Meaning: \_\_\_\_\_

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