

**ANSWERS**

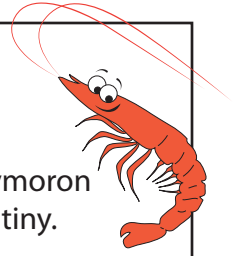
# Oxymoron Creations

An **oxymoron** is a play on words where two or more opposite words or ideas are joined to create a comical or dramatic emphasis.

Example:

These **jumbo shrimp** are delicious!

The words *jumbo shrimp* together create an oxymoron because shrimp are not big. They're typically tiny.



**Directions:** To create the oxymoron, draw a line from a word in Column A to the word with an opposite meaning in Column B. Then, write the oxymoron in the right column.

	<u>Column A</u>	<u>Column B</u>	<u>Write the Oxymoron</u>
1.	altogether	mess	1. <u>altogether separate</u>
2.	unpopular	unsure	2. <u>unpopular celebrities</u>
3.	fine	choice	3. <u>fine mess</u>
4.	random	separate	4. <u>random choice</u>
5.	absolutely	celebrities	5. <u>absolutely unsure</u>

**Write it out!** Create 3 sentences using 3 different oxymora.

1. We're in a fine mess now that we missed the bus and have to walk to school.
2. You want to link the causes of the war, but these two reasons are altogether separate ideas.
3. I'm waiting to make a decision because I don't want to make a random choice that I'll regret.

**Think about it!** Tell me how you could use an oxymoron in your conversations or writing.

Whenever I want to add emphasis to my response, I can use an oxymoron in my conversations and writing.

I can replace the word *very* or *really* with a more fun and interesting oxymoron. I think using oxymora is a

great way to make my writing awfully good. In general, an oxymoron is a playful way to use figurative

language that can be thought-provoking and funny.