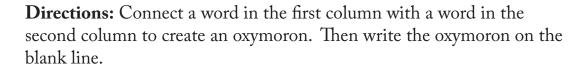
## Awfully Great Oxymorons

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.





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

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

**Example:** Mom said that broccoli soup is my <u>only choice</u> for dinner. There is not actually a choice, there is only one option.

- $1.\,\mathrm{My}$  brother and I are always fighting. We have a  $\underline{love\ hate}$  relationship.
- 2. That rumor about Nate is old news. Everyone has heard it!
- 3. "Problem solved!" my mom shouted after she fixed the flat tire.
- 4. When we asked about homework, our teacher said it was a definite possibility.