

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	_____
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 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.

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.
