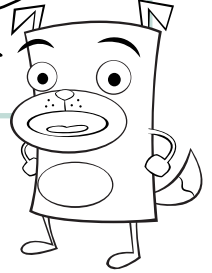


## Inside Out Oxymorons!

**An oxymoron** is a figure of speech made up of two or more words that actually have opposite meanings. Often these interesting phrases are used to create dramatic descriptions!

For example, "After staying up late, Emily felt like the living dead."

Hey! Aren't living and dead contradictory terms?



**Directions:** *Underline the oxymoron in each sentence.*

1. When Eduardo asked his mom if he could attend the midnight movie, her answer was a definite maybe.
2. The collectibles were displayed on the bookshelf in random order.
3. Even though many scenes made us laugh, the movie was a tragic comedy.
4. The exact estimate that the contractor gave us was more than we had expected!
5. Although the figure skater had a sprained ankle, she was awfully good at sticking the triple axel.
6. That is a terribly beautiful painting in your entryway.
7. The principal tried to act naturally when she observed in each teacher's classroom.

### Oxymoron Word Bank

big baby    second best    fine mess

**Directions:** *Write a sentence for each of the phrases in the Oxymoron Word Bank.*

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