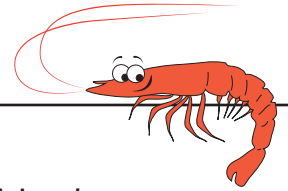


Obvious Oxymoron



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: Read the sentences below. Circle the oxymoron and then describe its meaning.

1. The principal told the students they were awfully lucky they didn't get a tardy slip.

2. I'd love to learn more about how to play virtual reality games.

3. There was a deafening silence after the class clown told a disrespectful joke.

4. It's a beautiful day at the beach and I'm busy relaxing.

5. "Before I decide, I need an exact estimate on how much we'll spend on the tickets," said Mom.
