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Oh My Oxymoron

An **oxymoron** is a figure of speech made up of two or more words that actually have opposite meanings. Writers often use these contradictory phrases as a way to add emotion or a certain mood to their writing.

It's an open secret that oxymorons are fun!



Directions: Include each oxymoron in your own, unique sentence.

- 1. painfully beautiful You look painfully beautiful today.
- 2. icy hot _____
- 3. bitter sweet _____
- 4. jumbo shrimp _____
- 5. clearly misunderstood _____
- 6. good grief _____

Directions: Connect each word in the first column with one word in the second column to create an oxymoron. Then include each oxymoron in your own, unique sentence.

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| only | lucky | _____ |
| open | secret | _____ |
| awfully | missing | _____ |
| found | choice | <u>His only choice was to take the exam.</u> |
| deafening | silence | _____ |

Directions: Select one oxymoron from above and explain its meaning.

Oxymoron: _____

Meaning: _____
