

Seriously Fun 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. Then explain why each of these phrases is an oxymoron.*

Example: Sierra was clearly confused about the directions on the test.

The word clearly can mean something is obvious, while confused has the opposite meaning.

1. A small crowd gathered in front of city hall to hear the mayor's speech.

2. Jade yelled, "That roller coaster was seriously fun!" as she exited the ride.

3. The original copies of their birth certificates were filed in a safe.

4. Brandon's project was completely unfinished when he submitted it to his teacher.

5. The children heard the dull roar of the river rapids as they hiked up the hill.



Now invent an oxymoron of your own! _____

Use it in a sentence: _____

Explain its meaning: _____
