

Oxymoron Example List

Here are our top 36 favorite **oxymorons** – oxymorons in a *loose* sense of the word:

open secret	larger half	clearly confused
act naturally	alone together	Hell's Angels
found missing	liquid gas	civil engineer
deafening silence	seriously funny	living dead
Microsoft Works	military intelligence	jumbo shrimp
Advanced BASIC	tragic comedy	unbiased opinion
virtual reality	definite maybe	original copies
pretty ugly	same difference	plastic glasses
almost exactly	constant variable	even odds
minor crisis	extinct life	genuine imitation
exact estimate	only choice	freezer burn
free love	working holiday	rolling stop

Your Funny Oxymorons

Here's a selection of some of the **best oxymorons** that have been sent to us by our visitors:

Great Depression	free trade	peacekeeper missile
sweet tart	crash landing	now then
butt head	sweet sorrow	student teacher
silent scream	taped live	alone together
good grief	tight slacks	living dead
near miss	light tanks	old news
hot chilli	criminal justice	peace force

Oxymorons - Definitions and Examples

An oxymoron is a figure of speech which is contradictory, such as "random order" or "good grief."

The word *oxymoron* comes from two Greek words:

oxus, meaning *dull*

moros, meaning *sharp*

It is an interesting fact that the word oxymoron is an oxymoron in itself!

Most kids love a good play on words, and oxymorons can provide plenty of humor and reflection on human nature. Here is a collection of oxymorons:

100% chance	curved line	growing smaller
absolutely unsure	daily special	half dead
adult children	deafening silence	hard pillow
advanced beginner	definite maybe	harmonious discord
alone together	deliberate mistake	huge shortage
auto pilot	detailed summary	icy hot
baby grand piano	double solitaire	ill health
bad health	down escalator	initial results
baggy tights	dry ice	inside out
beyond infinity	dull shine	instant classic
big sip	elevated subway	intense apathy
clean dirt	escaped inmate	limited freedom
clearly ambiguous	exact estimate	literal interpretation
clever fool	extensive briefing	living fossil
climb down	fairly accurate	long sleeve t-shirt
close distance	fast idle	loose knot
cold sweat	fatally injured	loosely packed
comic tragedy	fat-free cream cheese	loss leader
comparatively unique	fine mess	melted ice
constant variable	floating to the bottom	minor catastrophe
controlled chaos	flood control	minor crisis
crash landing	found missing	minor miracle
creative destruction	freezer burn	modern history
crisis management	friendly argument	modern tradition
critical acclaim	functionally illiterate	morbid humor
cruel kindness	fuzzy logic	more complete
current history	going nowhere	mud bath

mutual differences
natural artifact
natural makeup
nearly complete
neutral charge
new tradition
normal deviation
nothing much
numb feeling
obviously concealed
oddly appropriation
old news
once again
one choice
one-man band
open circuit
partial success
peace force
peaceful protests
perfect idiot
plastic glasses
plastic silverware
practice test
random order
real potential
required donation
retired worker
rough finish
round edges
rubber cement
running in place
sadly funny
safe bet
slumber party
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working vacation

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