Oxymoron Example List

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

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

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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
cold sweat
fast idle
loose knot
comic tragedy
fat-free cream cheese
loosely packed
comparatively unique
fine mess
loss leader
constant variable
floating to the bottom
melted ice
controlled chaos
flood control
minor catastrophe
crash landing
found missing
minor crisis
creative destruction
freezer burn
minor miracle
crisis management
friendly argument
modern history
critical acclaim
functionally illiterate
modern tradition
cruel kindness
fuzzy logic
morbid humor
current history
going nowhere
more complete
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
small crowd
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work party
working vacation

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