

# Warm Up to Oxymoron!

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oxymoron is a phrase  
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## I. Circle the Oxymoron

Circle the oxymoron in each sentence.

The idea went over like a lead balloon.

Her only choice was to walk to school.

After the show, the audience sat in deafening silence.

They hear the dull roar of the river rapids up ahead.

The coach was made of genuine imitation leather.

## II. Fill in the Blank

Make a oxymoron by adding an opposite word to each word below.

\_\_\_\_\_ smile

\_\_\_\_\_ scream

\_\_\_\_\_ secret

\_\_\_\_\_ hot

\_\_\_\_\_ whisper

## III. Explain the Oxymoron

Briefly explain each oxymoron below.

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**Student's choice; examples of correct answers:**

sad smile

silent scream

open secret

icy hot

loud whisper

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**Student's answers will vary examples of correct answers:**

**If one is working, then it's not a vacation.**

2. She gave her unbiased opinion about the project.

**An opinion is an expression of personal belief, so it cannot be unbiased.**

3. Her brother took the larger half of the apple.

**In order to be half, it must be equal, not larger, than the other half.**