

OXYMORON

It is a figure of speech that consists of two words that are used together that have or seem to have opposite meaning to create an effect. A group of self-contradictory words that are used to lend a sense of humor, irony, sarcasm, or a dramatic flair.

1. **ONLY CHOICE:** **only way/option available or left**
Studying for passing the exams is his only choice as making chits in small font size is not his cup of tea.
2. **DULL ROAR:** **under enthusiastic/not very loud or excited**
Joe was received with a dull roar at the party after having served an imprisonment of 7 days.
3. **FOUND MISSING:** **Missing, not found**
My mobile phone was found missing from my cabin. It was there 15 minutes ago.
4. **OLD NEWS:** **old rumor, common knowledge, or nothing new**
Alia marrying Ranbir is an old news now.
5. **OPEN SECRET:** **Something that everyone knows about/ a secret which is now common knowledge**
Malaika and Arjun's affair is an open secret to everyone including their family members.
6. **PRETTY UGLY:** **really ugly/disgusting**
Rounak looked pretty ugly in his attire designed by Ranveer Singh.
7. **SAME DIFFERENCE:** **a common difference or equivalent**
I found that my way of solving the problem had a same difference with that of Ajay's.
8. **SERIOUSLY FUNNY:** **hilarious or super/very funny**
Kapil Sharma is seriously funny on stage.
9. **TERRIBLY GOOD:** **Very good**
Deepika looked terribly good during the inauguration ceremony of Cannes 2022.
10. **ALONE TOGETHER:** **Just a few people together**
The couple was sitting alone together when the commotion nearby disturbed them.
11. **HONEST CHEAT:** **a cheat or trickster who is honest at cheating.**
Robin proved to be an honest cheat by distributing his loot among the needy.
12. **BITTERSWEET:** **pleasant feeling that is nonetheless marked by regret or sadness**
Friends bid a bittersweet farewell to each other on their graduation day.

13. **NATURAL MAKEUP:** **makeup that look natural/ as if the person is not wearing any makeup at all**

Brides opt for natural makeup rather than the gaudy one for the wedding day.

14. **LOUD WHISPER:** **an audible whisper**

Samaira's voice is always at the same decibel and sounds more like a loud whisper.

15. **JUMBO SHRIMP:** **unimportant person**

Former PM of Pakistan Mr. Imran Khan is now a jumbo shrimp in Pakistani politics.

16. **OPEN CIRCUIT:** **incomplete circuit or without any constraints**

The ceiling fan of my room isn't working, may be there is an open circuit.

Ravya lets everyone in into her friend circle as she believes in an open circuit theory for making friends.

17. **LIVING DEAD:** **a dull person**

People often end up being living dead in the rat race of earning a lot of money.

18. **VIRTUAL REALITY:** **something that seems to be real but isn't**

Meeting Dr. Kalpana Chawla seemed like a virtual reality.

19. **WORKING VACATION:** **a trip during which you get involved in work**

Trip to Indonesia became a working vacation for Heena when she had to work on some urgent data analysis.

20. **UNPOPULAR CELEBRITY:** **Public figure who is not very famous**

It is better to die normal than to live like an unpopular celebrity.

21. **ORIGINAL COPY:** **the first copy ever or very close to the original**

The crystal pyramids that I bought from Egypt are an original copy.

22. **DEAFENING SILENCE:** **uncomfortable silence**

The suggestion that Amar and his teamwork through the holidays met with deafening silence.

23. **WEIRDLY NORMAL:** **normal but slightly different**

I always wonder how such powerful research come out of people who seem so weirdly normal.

24. **PASSIVE AGGRESSIVE:** **angry but not showing it willingly or a pattern of expressing negative feelings instead of openly addressing them**

Not only did Shanti have a passive aggressive relation with her husband, but she also developed such a relationship with her adopted son.

25. **RANDOM ORDER:** any kind of order
Questions will be asked in a random order. The team knowing the answer may press the buzzer.
26. **ACT NATURALLY:** behave naturally
Meeting my new boss, I acted naturally in spite of not having liked her at all.
27. **TRUE MYTH:** false idea or belief, untrue
The stories by Amish do not look like a true myth.
28. **CLEARLY MISUNDERSTOOD:** obviously misunderstood
My statement at the conclave was clearly misunderstood and I was not even given a chance to defend.
29. **DEFINITE MAYBE:** uncertain/uncertainty
“Will Grafest 2022 be happening?” It is a definite maybe!
30. **EXACT ESTIMATE:** near accurate guess or close to actual or closest approximation
The builder gave me an exact estimate of the house construction.
31. **IMPOSSIBLE SOLUTION:** a hard-to-find solution or a difficult situation whose solution is very hard to come by
Getting poverty removed from India seems to be an impossible solution.
32. **ILL HEALTH:** state of being unwell or sick
Owing to his ill health, David could not be a part of his own daughter’s wedding.
33. **SAD SMILE:** not very happy/ trying to be optimistic/under enthusiastic response
When Joshita’s boss gave her more work, she passed a sad smile in anticipation that he would understand that she was already overloaded. But in vain!
34. **SOUND OF SILENCE:** complete absence of sound
Before the start of a free fall from 100 feet at Nainital, we could hear the sound of silence.
35. **TRUE LIES:** lies that are good or beneficial
The convict told true lies to safeguard his mother from the blame of murdering her husband.
36. **WISE FOOL:** someone who pretends to be foolish for his own good
Beware of wise fools. They may con you any moment.
37. **FRIENDLY TAKEOVER:** mutually agreed ‘acquisition’ (takeover)
Mukesh Mittal’s friendly takeover of Anil Mittal’s possessions saved the latter from embarrassment.

38. **EVEN ODDS:** to reflect the likelihood that a particular event will take place

Experts have estimated that a massive earthquake has even odds of striking by 2023 and a 80 % chance of striking by the end of 2022.

39. **CRASH LANDING:** emergency/sudden landing of any airplane

The pilot has put a brave face on the crash landing due to engine failure.

40. **BEGGARLY RICHES:** refers to something that serves no purpose

Having a lot of money but not spending it on upscaling your living is more like beggarly riches!