

Oxymorons

A figurative language technique containing words that seem to contradict each other.

absent presence
alone together
awful good
bittersweet
cheerful pessimist
civil war
clearly misunderstood
conspicuous absence
cool passion
crash landing
cruel kindness
darkness visible
deafening silence
deceptively honest
definite maybe
deliberate speed
devout atheist
dull roar
eloquent silence
even odds
exact estimate
extinct life
falsely true
festive tranquility
found missing
freezer burn
friendly takeover
genuine imitation
good grief
growing smaller
guest host
historical present
humane slaughter
icy hot
idiot savant
ill health
impossible solution
intense apathy
joyful sadness
jumbo shrimp
larger half
lascivious grace
lead balloon

liquid marble
living dead
living end
living sacrifices
loosely sealed
loud whisper
loyal opposition
magic realism
militant pacifist
minor miracle
negative growth
negative income
old news
one-man band
only choice
openly deceptive
open secret
original copy
overbearingly modest
paper tablecloth
paper towel
peaceful conquest
plastic glasses
plastic silverware
poor health
pretty ugly
properly ridiculous
random order
recorded live
resident alien
sad smile
same difference
seriously funny
shrewd dumbness
silent scream
small crowd
soft rock
static flow
steel wool
student teacher
terribly good
theoretical experience
true fiction
unbiased opinion
unconscious awareness
upward fall
wise fool
working vacation