**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