

COMMON OXYMORONS

Figures of Speech With Opposing Meanings

Flashcard Sets

- cut up and match

Online flashcard self-study

List of Common Oxymorons



Full PPTx presentation of
common oxymorons



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1	graduate	student
2	free	love
3	dull	knife
4	countless	numbers
5	big	baby
6	A just	war
7	realistic	fake
8	terribly	friendly
9	full-time	hobby
10	minor	miracle

1	mean	smile
2	mud	bath
3	randomly	organized
4	terribly	good
5	whole	piece
6	un	thaw
7	tough	love
8	true	lies
9	small	fortune
10	silent	alarm

1	quiet	storm
2	perfect	idiot
3	study	break
4	living	dead
5	open	secret
6	non-fat	ice cream
7	near	miss
8	liquid	gas
9	inside	out
10	half	naked

Meaning

Oxymorons

Meaning

1. **act naturally**
2. **advanced basic**
3. **almost exactly**
4. **alone together**
5. **benevolent despot**
6. **benign neglect**
7. **build-down**
8. **butt head**
9. **civil engineer**
10. **clearly confused**
11. **constant variable**
12. **crash landing**
13. **criminal justice**
14. **deafening silence**
15. **definite maybe**
16. **deliberate speed**
17. **elevated subway**
18. **even odds**
19. **exact estimate**
20. **extinct life**
21. **final draft**
22. **found missing**
23. **free love**
24. **free trade**
25. **freezer burn**
26. **fresh frozen**
27. **genuine imitation**
28. **good grief**
29. **Great Depression**
30. **Hell's Angels**
31. **hot chilli**
32. **idiot savant**
33. **industrial park**
34. **jumbo shrimp**
35. **larger half**
36. **light heavyweight**
37. **light tanks**

38. **living dead**
39. **loyal opposition**
40. **Microsoft Works**
41. **military intelligence**
42. **minor crisis**
43. **mobile home**
44. **near miss**
45. **negative growth**
46. **now then**
47. **old boy**
48. **old news**
49. **one-man band**
50. **only choice**
51. **open secret**
52. **original copies**
53. **peace force**
54. **peacekeeper missile**
55. **plastic glasses**
56. **pretty ugly**
57. **random order**
58. **recorded live**
59. **rolling stop**
60. **same difference**
61. **seriously funny**
62. **sight unseen**
63. **silent scream**
64. **standard deviation**
65. **student teacher**
66. **sweet sorrow**
67. **sweet tart**
68. **taped live**
69. **tight slacks**
70. **tragic comedy**
71. **unbiased opinion**
72. **virtual reality**
73. **working holiday**
74. **liquid gas**

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