

An **oxymoron** is the use of two contradictory words for a special effect.

For example:

pretty ugly

random order

You probably hear many oxymorons in everyday speech. Look at the pairs of words below. Circle the oxymorons.

color blind

icy hot

plastic silverware

bad job

virtual reality

sad clown

working vacation

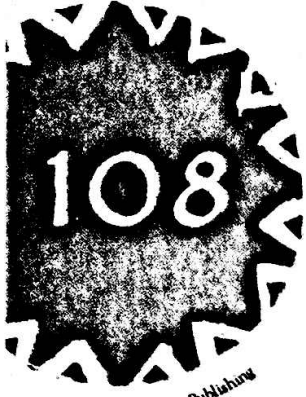
slow snail

freezer burn

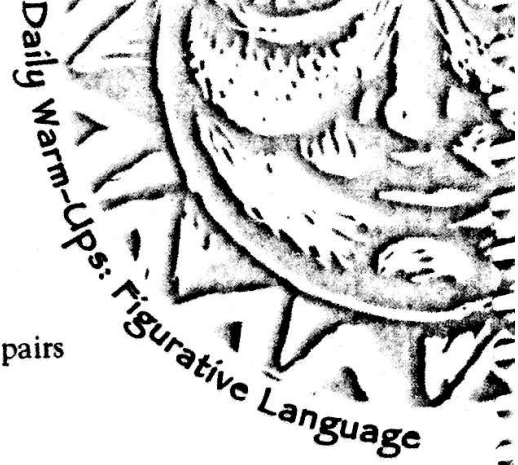
exact estimate

clogged drain

study hall



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## Oxymoron

An **oxymoron** combines two terms—often an adjective and a noun—that seem to contradict each other. For each adjective in the first column below, find the contradictory noun in the second column. Then combine them to form oxymorons. Write the correct letter on the line.

### Adjectives

- \_\_\_ 1. advanced
- \_\_\_ 2. boneless
- \_\_\_ 3. civil
- \_\_\_ 4. constant
- \_\_\_ 5. current
- \_\_\_ 6. essential
- \_\_\_ 7. extended
- \_\_\_ 8. live
- \_\_\_ 9. standard
- \_\_\_ 10. straight

### Nouns

- a. beginner
- b. deadline
- c. deviation
- d. history
- e. hook
- f. luxury
- g. recording
- h. ribs
- i. variable
- j. war



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