

OXYMORONS

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English is a funny language

An oxymoron is usually defined as a phrase in which two words of contradictory meaning are brought together:-

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| 1) Clearly misunderstood | 2) Act naturally |
| 3) Exact Estimate | 4) Found Missing |
| 5) Small Crowd | 6) Fully empty |
| 7) Pretty Ugly | 8) Seriously Funny |
| 9) Only Choice | 10) Original Copies |

And the Mother of all.....

11) Happily Married

While the last one is clearly a joke, the others are actually oxymorons commonly used today. Thinking about it, how many of them have you read in a book or heard in normal conversation?

Now, I want you to try to make your own list of oxymorons (maybe you could use them in a story some day!).

1. What is an oxymoron (in your own words tell us what it means):

2. Come up with at least 5 oxymorons of your own (you can always do more!):