

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:-

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!):