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An oxymoron is a literary device which couples two words together that have opposing or contradictory meanings. Oxymoron can be used to add dramatic effect, to emphasize a concept, or to create irony or humor.

## Examples:

- virtual reality
- deafening silence
- alone together



**DIRECTIONS:** Underline the oxymoron in each sentence.

1. The movie had a bittersweet ending.
2. Hank clearly misunderstood what I said
3. Jason told me to act naturally.
4. The carpenter couldn't give us an exact estimate.
5. A civil war has broken out in that country.