



Oxymoron

An oxymoron is a figure of speech 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. Some examples:

We heard only **deafening silence**.

Taking this job is my **only choice**.

Fill in the missing word to complete each common oxymoron.

1. minor _____
 2. silent _____
 3. bitter _____
 4. small _____
 5. least _____
 6. alone _____
 7. wise _____
 8. living _____
 9. zero _____
 10. same _____
- controlled _____