Juxtaposition vs. Oxymoron

In literature, juxtaposition is the intentional placement of two things next to or near each other in order to show their similarities and their differences. An oxymoron is a specific kind of juxtaposition in which two contradictory elements have been combined into one phrase.

DIRECTIONS: Indicate whether each sentence includes a juxtaposition or an oxymoron.

1. My brother enjoys virtual reality. juxtaposition oxymoron

2. The faces were like pink petals against a stormy sky. juxtaposition oxymoron

3. It is a bittersweet story. juxtaposition oxymoron

4. The man clearly misunderstood me. juxtaposition oxymoron

5. She had a vivid splash of red paint on her black ski jacket. juxtaposition oxymoron

6. My mother tossed a bag of frozen peas into the shopping cart full of cereal boxes, frozen meals, and candy bars. juxtaposition oxymoron

7. It's hard to act naturally sometimes. juxtaposition oxymoron

8. The tiny kitchen perched on the Saint Bernard's broad back. juxtaposition oxymoron

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