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**DIRECTIONS:** Choose the pair of words that create an oxymoron.

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| 1. | awful good        | bad better         |
| 2. | joyful pessimist  | cheerful pessimist |
| 3. | lying honest      | deceptively honest |
| 4. | cool passion      | hot ambivalence    |
| 5. | definite maybe    | unsure undecided   |
| 6. | seriously godless | devout atheist     |
| 7. | deliberate speed  | purposeful zoom    |
| 8. | dull roar         | boring scream      |

Choose one of the oxymorons you identified and explain why that pair creates an oxymoron while the alternative version doesn't.

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