

# Oxymoron Examples

1. Deafening Silence - *Literature*
2. Living Dead - *Movie, "Night of the Living Dead"*
3. Seriously Funny - *Common Usage*
4. Virtual Reality - *Technology*
5. Passive-Aggressive - *Psychology*
6. Original Copy - *Legal Documents*
7. Small Crowd - *Journalism*
8. Same Difference - *Colloquial Expression*
9. Growing Smaller - *Mathematics*
10. Random Order - *Science*
11. Only Choice - *Decision Making*
12. Open Secret - *Politics*
13. Civil War - *History*
14. Clearly Confused - *Common Usage*
15. Awfully Good - *Informal Speech*
16. Exact Estimate - *Project Management*
17. Minor Crisis - *Media*
18. Jumbo Shrimp - *Culinary Arts*
19. Known Unknown - *Donald Rumsfeld, U.S. Secretary of Defense*
20. Liquid Gas - *Chemistry*
21. Freezer Burn - *Common Usage*
22. Act Naturally - *Music Lyrics*
23. Plastic Glasses - *Fashion*
24. Definite Maybe - *Common Usage*

25. True Fiction - *Literature*
26. Passive Resistance - *Social Movements*
27. Bitter Sweet - *Music, "Bittersweet Symphony" by The Verve*
28. Pretty Ugly - *Common Usage*
29. Tragic Comedy - *Theater*
30. Rolling Stop - *Traffic Laws*
31. Found Missing - *News Reporting*
32. Living End - *Idiomatic Expression*
33. Constant Change - *Life Philosophy*
34. Controlled Chaos - *Physics*
35. Negative Growth - *Economics*
36. Resident Alien - *Legal Term*
37. Guest Host - *Television*
38. Virtual World - *Gaming*
39. Silent Scream - *Psychology*
40. Violent Agreement - *Common Usage*
41. Criminal Justice - *Legal System*
42. Lesser Evil - *Moral Dilemma*
43. Temporary Fix - *Common Usage*
44. Organized Mess - *Colloquial Expression*
45. Hell's Angels - *Motorcycle Club*
46. Terribly Pleased - *Literature*
47. Dark Light - *Poetry*
48. Forward Retreat - *Military Strategy*
49. Falsely True - *Paradox*
50. Same Opposite - *Philosophy*
51. Honest Thief - *Literature*
52. Fresh Frozen - *Culinary Arts*
53. Quiet Riot - *Music Band*
54. Youthful Aged - *Beauty Industry*
55. New Classic - *Film Industry*

56. Cautious Optimism - *Psychology*
57. Static Motion - *Physics*
58. Passive Income - *Finance*
59. Invisible Ink - *Espionage*
60. Liquid Solid - *Science*
61. Advanced Basics - *Education*
62. Closed Opening - *Art Gallery*
63. Sad Joy - *Emotions*
64. Love-Hate Relationship - *Psychology*
65. Old News - *Media*
66. Advanced Beginner - *Skill Levels*
67. Modern History - *Academics*
68. Holy War - *Religion*
69. Simple Complex - *Mathematics*
70. Small Giant - *Business*
71. Bad Luck - *Superstitions*
72. Unbiased Opinion - *Journalism*
73. War Games - *Military Training*
74. Peace Force - *United Nations*
75. Fine Mess - *Comedy*
76. Constant Variable - *Mathematics*
77. Living Fossil - *Paleontology*
78. Friendly Fire - *Military*
79. Genuine Imitation - *Fashion*
80. Soft Rock - *Music Genre*
81. Dry Ice - *Science*
82. Light Darkness - *Spirituality*
83. Cruel Kindness - *Literature*
84. Lonesome Crowd - *Sociology*
85. Active Inactive - *Computer Science*
86. Brave Coward - *Fiction*

87. Random Logic - *Philosophy*
88. Wise Fool - *Literature*
89. Vintage Modern - *Interior Design*
90. Passive Leadership - *Business*
91. Loud Silence - *Music*
92. Fixed Outcome - *Gambling*
93. Fatal Life - *Health*
94. Public Privacy - *Social Media*
95. Rising Fall - *Nature*
96. Anarchy Rules - *Political Science*
97. Sharp Bluntness - *Common Usage*
98. Working Vacation - *Career*
99. Creative Destruction - *Economics*
100. Exact Approximation - *Mathematics*