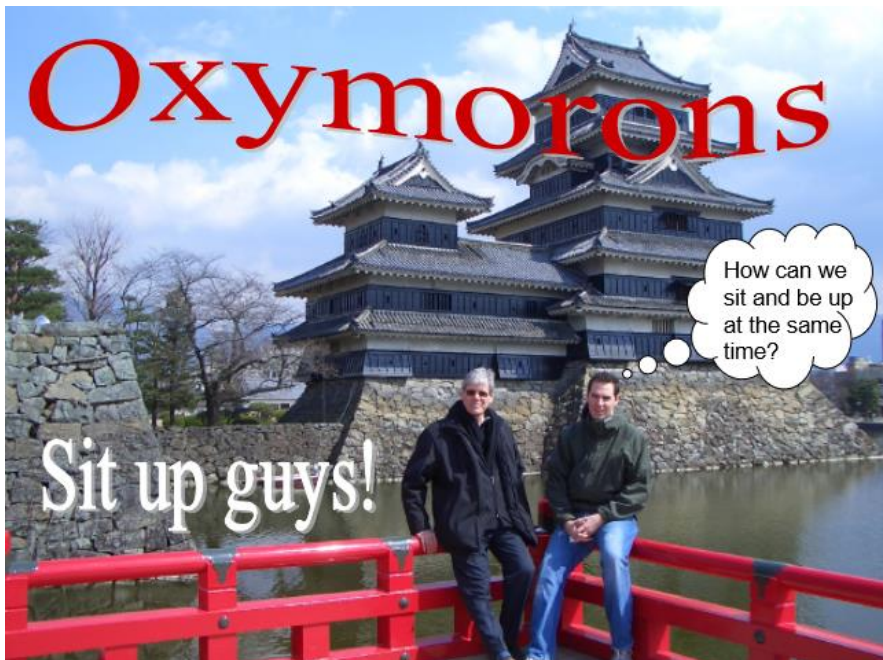


## Oxymoron

Oxymoron - a figure of speech in which apparently contradictory terms appear in conjunction.

Example: *There is a real love hate relationship developing between the two of them.*

The words 'love' and 'hate' have contradictory meaning (the opposite of each other), and yet have been used together in a sentence to describe a feeling a person is having.



## Guided Practice

Watch the following video to clarify the meaning of an oxymoron and for 20 common examples in English:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=btyRN7va5hg>

Watch to 2 minutes 40 seconds for all examples, the rest of the video goes on to explain what each oxymoron means and an explanation of some of the words. This is a good opportunity to learn further vocabulary.

Use the PowerPoint to go through examples of commonly used oxymoron phrases. See if you recognise any of the examples used.

Can you think of any oxymorons used recently?

## Independent Practice

### **Challenge 1.**

Identify and explain each oxymoron in the sentences given on the worksheet. Try your best to explain how they are an oxymoron. (Some of the examples are used in the video above). Check your answers using the answer sheet attached on the second page.

### **Challenge 2.**

Match one word from column 1 and one from column 2 to form an oxymoron. Write the phrase in the blank. Then pick three of the phrases you wrote above and explain why each is considered an oxymoron.

Match one word from column 1 and one from column 2 to form an oxymoron. Write the phrase in the blank.

#### **Column 1**

random

sweet

deafening

almost

silent

open

seriously

controlled

found

exact

#### **Column 2**

chaos

order

estimate

secret

sorrow

missing

silence

always

funny

scream

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Use the answer sheet to check your answers.

### **Challenge 3.**

Create your own oxymorons. See if you can use these in a sentence.