

Paradox or Oxymoron?

Paradox

A statement or proposition that seems self-contradictory or absurd but in reality expresses a possible truth.

Oxymoron

conjoining contradictory terms (as in 'deafening silence')

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| 1. Working Vacation | 12. Act I, Scene 1 Romeo refers to love: "a choking gall and a preserving sweet" | 20. Act V, Scene 3 Prince Escalus: "Capulet, Montague, See what a scourge is laid upon your hate That heaven finds the means to kill your joys with love." |
| 2. Act Naturally | | |
| 3. Plastic Glasses | 13. Act I, Scene 1 Romeo: "Misshapen chaos of well-seeming forms" | |
| 4. Jumbo Shrimp | | |
| 5. Freezer Burn | 14. Act I, Scene 2 Lord Capulet: "Earth-treading stars"; "dark heaven" | 21. I never found a companion that was as companionable as solitude. |
| 6. Summer School | 15. Act I, Scene 5 Juliet: "my only love sprung from my only hate" | 22. Success is counted sweetest by those who ne'er succeeded. |
| 7. Definite Possibility | | |
| 8. Civil War | 16. Act II, Scene 2 Juliet: "loving jealous" Romeo: "sweet sorrow" | 23. Through dying we are given life. |
| 9. You are Free to Choose, but you are Not Free from the Consequences of Your Choice! | 17. Act II, Scene 6 Friar Lawrence: "violent delights" | 24. Deep down you're really shallow. |
| 10. We learn from history that which we do not learn from history. | 18. Act III, Scene 2 Juliet: "Was ever a book containing such vile manner so fairly bound?" | 25. This is the beginning of the end. |
| 11. Is this phrase a paradox or an oxymoron?
Act I, Scene 1 Romeo: "brawling love, loving hate, feather of lead, bright smoke, cold fire, sick health" | 19. Act V, Scene 3 Friar Lawrence: "I am the greatest yet able to do least" | 26. Ignorance is strength. |
| | | 27. Easy problem |
| | | 28. Seriously Funny |