Advanced 1- Oxymoron

Vocabulary Advanced Oxymoron

Class Objective: I will be able to understand the concept and can use the above words efficiently while conversing in English.

Concept A: Introduction

An oxymoron is a figure of speech that contains words that seem to contradict each other. These words may be seemingly opposing and contradictory elements are juxtaposed to form an oxymoron. It is a phrase or statement that seems to say two opposite things in them.

Oxymoron is derived from Greek words *oskús*, meaning sharp or keen, and *morōs* meaning dull or foolish. Oxymorons are used in literature to highlight absurdities, or to explain complicated or intense feelings. Sometimes words do not make sense and reveal a paradox.

Example

"I must be cruel, only to be kind"- Shakespeare in Hamlet
"That is, hot ice and wondrous strange snow."-Shakespeare in A Midsummer Night's Dream

Concept B: Oxymoron Words

1. kill with kindness
2. pretty ugly
3. old news
4. original copy
5. recorded live
6. Clearly confused
7. Seriously funny
8. Awfully good
9. Silence speaks
10. Only choice
11. controlled chaos
12. small giant
13. even odds
14. elevated subway
15. Minor crisis

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