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**Oxymoron!**

Remember:

oxymoron is a phrase made up of two words that have opposite meanings.

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| **I. Bold the Oxymoron** | |  | **II. Fill in the Blank** |
| Circle the oxymoron in each sentence. | | | Make an oxymoron by adding an opposite word | | | |
|  |  |  | to each word below. | | | |
| The idea went over like a lead balloon. | | | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ smile | | | |
| Her only choice was to walk to school. | | | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ scream | | | |
| \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ secret | | | |
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| After the show, the audience sat in deafening silence. | | | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ hot | | | |
| They hear the | dull roar of the river rapids up ahead. | | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ whisper | | | |
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| The coach was | made of genuine imitation leather. | |  |  |  |  |
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1. **Explain the Oxymoron**

Briefly explain each oxymoron below.

1. We took a working vacation to New York City.

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2. She gave her unbiased opinion about the project.

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3. Her brother took the larger half of the apple.

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