

Need another word that means the same as “oxymoron”? Find 7 synonyms and 30 related words for “oxymoron” in this overview.

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Oxymoron as a Noun

Definitions of "Oxymoron" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “oxymoron” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *A figure of speech in which apparently contradictory terms appear in conjunction (e.g. faith unfaithful kept him falsely true).*
- *Conjoining contradictory terms (as in `deafening silence.*

Synonyms of "Oxymoron" as a noun (7 Words)

<u>anomaly</u>	Something that deviates from what is standard, normal, or expected. <i>The apparent anomaly that those who produced the wealth were the poorest.</i>
conflict	A prolonged armed struggle. <i>Bewildered by her own inner conflict she could only stand there feeling vulnerable.</i>
<u>contradiction</u>	The speech act of contradicting someone. <i>The paradox of using force to overcome force is a real contradiction.</i>
contradiction in terms	Opposition between two conflicting forces or ideas.

incongruity	The state of being incongruous; incompatibility. <i>The incongruity of his fleshy face and skinny body disturbed her.</i>
<u>inconsistency</u>	An inconsistent aspect or element. <i>The inconsistency between his expressed attitudes and his actual behaviour.</i>
self-contradiction	Contradicting yourself.

Associations of "Oxymoron" (30 Words)

<u>ambivalence</u>	The state of having mixed feelings or contradictory ideas about something or someone. <i>The law s ambivalence about the importance of a victim s identity.</i>
antagonistic	Indicating opposition or resistance. <i>He was antagonistic to the government s reforms.</i>
antinomy	A contradiction between two beliefs or conclusions that are in themselves reasonable; a paradox. <i>There are not many short novels capable of accommodating bewildering antinomies.</i>
<u>antithesis</u>	The juxtaposition of contrasting words or ideas to give a feeling of balance. <i>His theory is the antithesis of mine.</i>
conflicting	On bad terms. <i>Conflicting opinions.</i>
<u>contradiction</u>	(logic) a statement that is necessarily false. <i>The experiment provides a contradiction of the hypothesis.</i>
<u>contradictory</u>	A contradictory proposition. <i>Contradictory attributes of unjust justice and loving vindictiveness.</i>
<u>contrary</u>	A contrary proposition. <i>The facts point to a contrary conclusion.</i>
<u>counterpart</u>	A person or thing having the same function or characteristics as another. <i>The minister held talks with his French counterpart.</i>
cynicism	An inclination to question whether something will happen or whether it is worthwhile; pessimism. <i>Cynicism about the future.</i>
<u>discordant</u>	(of a matched pair of subjects, especially twins) not having the same trait or disease. <i>The operative principle of democracy is a balance of discordant qualities.</i>

discrepant	Characterized by an illogical or surprising lack of compatibility or similarity. <i>Widely discrepant statements.</i>
disjunction	State of being disconnected. <i>There is a disjunction between the skills taught in education and those demanded in the labour market.</i>
dissonant	Characterized by musical dissonance; harmonically unresolved. <i>Jackson employs both harmonious and dissonant colour choices.</i>
incompatibility	The quality of being unable to exist or work in congenial combination. <i>Defects due to software incompatibility.</i>
<u>incompatible</u>	Incapable of being used with or connected to other devices or components without modification. <i>Long hours are simply incompatible with family life.</i>
<u>incongruous</u>	Not in harmony or keeping with the surroundings or other aspects of something. <i>Incongruous behavior.</i>
<u>inconsistency</u>	An inconsistent aspect or element. <i>The inconsistency between his expressed attitudes and his actual behaviour.</i>
inconsistent	Not capable of being made consistent or harmonious. <i>Inconsistent with the roadmap.</i>
inharmonious	Lacking in harmony of parts. <i>An inharmonious negative state of mind.</i>
inhospitable	(of a person) unfriendly and unwelcoming towards people. <i>They are extremely inhospitable these days.</i>
<u>ironic</u>	Happening in a way contrary to what is expected, and typically causing wry amusement because of this. <i>An ironic novel.</i>
<u>irony</u>	A literary technique, originally used in Greek tragedy, by which the full significance of a character's words or actions is clear to the audience or reader although unknown to the character. <i>Irony is wasted on the stupid.</i>
opposing	(of two or more subjects) differing from or in conflict with each other. <i>On the opposing page there were two addresses.</i>
<u>paradox</u>	(logic) a statement that contradicts itself. <i>I always lie is a paradox because if it is true it must be false.</i>
<u>paradoxical</u>	Seemingly contradictory but nonetheless possibly true. <i>It is paradoxical that standing is more tiring than walking.</i>

sarcasm	Witty language used to convey insults or scorn–Jonathan Swif. <i>She didn't like the note of sarcasm in his voice.</i>
<u>satire</u>	A genre of literature characterized by the use of satire. <i>A number of articles on Elizabethan satire.</i>
tautology	A statement that is true by necessity or by virtue of its logical form. <i>The statement he is brave or he is not brave is a tautology.</i>
unsuited	Not easy to combine harmoniously. <i>He was totally unsuited for the job.</i>