

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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The synonyms of “Oxymoron” are: contradiction, contradiction in terms, self-contradiction, inconsistency, incongruity, anomaly, conflict

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)

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| anomaly | 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> |
| contradiction | 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. |

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| 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)

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| <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> |

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| 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> |

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| 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> |