

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)

#### [anomaly](#)

Something that deviates from what is standard, normal, or expected.

*The apparent **anomaly** that those who produced the wealth were the poorest.*

#### **conflict**

A prolonged armed struggle.

*Bewildered by her own inner **conflict** she could only stand there feeling vulnerable.*

#### [contradiction](#)

The speech act of contradicting someone.

*The paradox of using force to overcome force is a real **contradiction**.*

**contradiction in terms** Opposition between two conflicting forces or ideas.

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

## Associations of "Oxymoron" (30 Words)

<u><b>ambivalence</b></u>	The state of having mixed feelings or contradictory ideas about something or someone. <i>The law s <b>ambivalence</b> about the importance of a victim s identity.</i>
<b>antagonistic</b>	Indicating opposition or resistance. <i>He was <b>antagonistic</b> to the government s reforms.</i>
<b>antinomy</b>	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><b>antithesis</b></u>	The juxtaposition of contrasting words or ideas to give a feeling of balance. <i>His theory is the <b>antithesis</b> of mine.</i>
<b>conflicting</b>	On bad terms. <i><b>Conflicting</b> opinions.</i>
<u><b>contradiction</b></u>	(logic) a statement that is necessarily false. <i>The experiment provides a <b>contradiction</b> of the hypothesis.</i>
<u><b>contradictory</b></u>	A contradictory proposition. <i><b>Contradictory</b> attributes of unjust justice and loving vindictiveness.</i>
<u><b>contrary</b></u>	A contrary proposition. <i>The facts point to a <b>contrary</b> conclusion.</i>
<u><b>counterpart</b></u>	A person or thing having the same function or characteristics as another. <i>The minister held talks with his French <b>counterpart</b>.</i>
<b>cynicism</b>	An inclination to question whether something will happen or whether it is worthwhile; pessimism. <i><b>Cynicism</b> about the future.</i>
<u><b>discordant</b></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 <b>discordant</b> qualities.</i>

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

<b>sarcasm</b>	Witty language used to convey insults or scorn-Jonathan Swif. <i>She didn't like the note of <b>sarcasm</b> in his voice.</i>
<b><u>satire</u></b>	A genre of literature characterized by the use of satire. <i>A number of articles on Elizabethan <b>satire</b>.</i>
<b>tautology</b>	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 <b>tautology</b>.</i>
<b>unsuited</b>	Not easy to combine harmoniously. <i>He was totally <b>unsuited</b> for the job.</i>