Oxymorons
Not quite...
Oxymoron =

LIKE MOO?

OX - Y - MORON
Definition: A Stupid Cow
Not that either...
Oxymoron: a term that includes two contradictory ideas.
It comes from a combination of two Greek words

Oxy = sharp          moron = dull
So oxymoron is an oxymoron...

Oxy = sharp

moron = dull
Let's try a few:

**jumbo shrimp**

\[ \text{Jumbo} = \text{huge} \quad \leftrightarrow \quad \text{shrimp} = \text{small} \]
Let’s try a few:

deliberate mistake

deliberate—accident

on purpose
Why are oxymorons important?

They allow us to be creative in our descriptions.
Each of these terms seems to be an opposite.
These don’t seem like they should make sense...but they do!
Oxy moron

Clearly Misunderstood

Act Naturally

Pretty Ugly

Found Missing

Seriously Funny
Oxymoron Examples

- My pants were a little big, but I wore them anyway.
- I know almost exactly how much it will cost me.
- I need an exact estimate of the cost.
- I can get lost in virtual reality for hours.
- I was all alone in a crowd of people.
- That was awfully nice of you to say.
A few more...
civil war
fresh frozen
light heavyweight
oddly appropriate
freezer burn
vague definition
even odds
somewhat lethal
guest host
fresh frozen
bitter sweet
strangely familiar
completely unfinished