

Oxymoron: Worksheet

I. Identification Exercise: Read each passage. Underline the oxymoron.

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II. Creation Exercise: Create your own list of oxymorons. Include at least ten that are not used in the exercises above.

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