

Use your best speech while explaining the oxymorons below

Applying Language Skills

Task P: Explaining Oxymorons

Oxymorons are two words used together that seem to have opposite meanings. Explain why each phrase below is an oxymoron. The first one is done for you.

1. We're out of popcorn. Pretzels are your **only choice**.

If you have a choice, you have two or more items to select from. If there is only one item left, it is not a choice.

2. This is an **awfully good** movie.
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3. **Jumbo shrimp** are on sale today at the market.
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4. I heard about what happened at the game. That's **old news**.
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5. My favorite candy is **red licorice**.
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6. The clown gave us a **sad smile**.
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7. These chairs have **hard cushions**.
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8. What are you doing today? "**Nothing much**."
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9. We heard a **loud whisper** from the back row.
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10. I was so thirsty, I took a **big sip** of the hot chocolate.
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11. That's a **pretty ugly** tale you are telling.
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12. This is a **fine mess** we have gotten into!
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13. If you cut the slice of cake, I get the **larger half**.
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I.E.P. Objective: The client will explain oxymorons with 90% accuracy.