**SEMESTER 2 GRAMMAR**

**VOCABULAR**Y: **Oxymoron and Hyperbole**

OXYMORON

An oxymoron is a short phrase, usually two words. It is a figure of speech often used to highlight silliness or explain complicated feelings or create emphasis. They appear to be self-defeating at first glance, with statements that contradict one another. An oxymoron emphasizes the significance of the second word as a whole idea. The term "absolutely unsure," for example, is an oxymoron. Rather than separating themselves, the opposing definitions reinforce the broader concept of being entirely unsure. This emphasis gives a statement or passage a dramatic impression.

Examples:

act naturally

small crowd

Exercises

organised mess

bitter sweet

Underline the oxymorons in the sentences given below. Explain why the combination of words you have underlined is an oxymoron.

1.The room was filled with a deafening silence.

2.Five soldiers were wounded in friendly fire.

3.The clown was seriously funny.

4.I had to do it: I had no choice!

5.He was the most learned fool in the country.

6.You are clearly confused by the explanation.

7.This is old news.

8.Did you bring the original copy?

9.She is deeply superficial.

10. That dog is pretty ugly.

11. He is quite passive aggressive.

12. The tabloid printed an article on unpopular celebrities.

Answer:

The room was filled with a deafening silence.

Explanation: There was no activity in the room and everything came to a standstill.

Five soldiers were wounded in friendly fire.

Explanation: Five soldiers were wounded as a weapon fired accidentally from their own side. The clown was seriously funny.

Explanation: An individual knows that he is funny but denies it and doesn't show any sort of smile or laugh.

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**Explanation: Cannot avoid doing it but agree.**

**I had to do it: I had no choice!**

1. **He was the most learned fool in the country. Explanation: A person who lacks good judgment.**
2. **You are clearly confused by the explanation. Explanation : Unable to understand or think clearly.**
3. **This is old news.**

**Explanation : It is ambiguous.**

1. **Did you bring the original copy?**

**Explanation : If something is original then it is not a copy. The copy is a duplicate.**

1. **She is deeply superficial.**

**Explanation : Lacking in-depth or solidity, knowledge, emotions, etc.**

1. **That dog is pretty ugly.**

**Explanation : It means being ugly but somehow, at the same time it has attractive featurt well.**

1. **He is quite passive aggressive.**

**Explanation : This behavior is when you express negative feelings indirectly instead openly talking about them.**

1. **The tabloid printed an article on unpopular celebrities.**

**Explanation : A famous person especially in entertainment or sports who is hated or dis more.**

***Match the words on the left with those on the right with which they form conmottoxyz Each word can be used for only one pair:***



***burn***

**vacation**

**absence**

**landing**

**eality**

**secret order**

**growth exact**

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| **virtual** | **almost** | **open** | **civil-** |
| **crash** | **negative** | **freezer** | **sad—** |
| **working** | **conspicuous** | **random** |  |

**Hyperbole is a rhetorical and literary technique in which an author or speaker purposeful'', overstatta40 exaggerates for emphasis and effect.**

**Hyperbole is a classic literary technique, but it can also be found in ordinary** - **speech** **patterns**

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| **Answer :**    **virtual reality open secret**  **-re-5 crash landing**  **7. freezer burn**  **9. working vacation**  **11. random order**  **HYPERBOLE** | **2: almost exactly**  ***4!* civil war**  **negative growth**  **sad smile conspicuous absence** |