

Oxymoron TNPSC English Literature -Study Material

Oxymoron

- 1. conjoining contradictory terms (as in `deafening silence')
- 2. It is a special form of antithesis
- 3. A figure of speech in which apparently contradictory terms appear in conjunction (e.g., faith unfaithful kept him falsely true)
- 4. plural oxymora, is a figure of speech in which two opposite ideas are joined to create an effect. The common oxymoron phrase is a combination of an adjective proceeded by a noun with contrasting

meanings, e.g. "cruel kindness" or "living death".

- Open secret
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- Seriously funny
- Awfully pretty
- Foolish wisdom
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