Lesson 161: Irony • Oxymorons

Irony is when something is the opposite of what you would expect. A fire station catching on fire would be ironic. A murderer getting the death sentence as a punishment is ironic.

An **oxymoron** is when two contradictory terms are used together. Some examples are *jumbo shrimp*, *act naturally*, *only choice*, *alone together*.

Can you think of other examples of irony or oxymorons?