



Identify the oxymorons in the following sentences and discuss why the writer may have used the oxymoron.

| Oxymoron  | Meaning   |
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| The end of our overseas holiday was <b>bittersweet</b> .  | I'm bitter because of feeling sad that the holiday had ended, but happy that it had been a great holiday and we are going home. |
| I have a <b>love hate</b> relationship with my brother.   | I love that my brother is kind and helpful, but I hate that he teases me all the time.)   |
| My friend was clearly confused by the maze.   |   |
| The lawyer asked for the original copies of the document.   |   |
| Mum bought a genuine imitation of a pearl necklace.   |   |
| I went on a working holiday to Italy.   |   |
| Your only choice is to start again.   |   |
| I will ask my dad to give me his unbiased opinion as to whether or not I should play basketball or cricket. |   |
| We packed the plastic glasses into our picnic hamper.   |   |
| Our class has a student teacher for a week.   |   |
| My grandmother's chocolate chip biscuits are awfully good.  |   |
| There was a small crowd watching the busker.  |   |
| My parents have zero tolerance when it comes to children swearing.  |   |
| I let out a silent scream when my cat showed me the dead mouse it had caught.                               |   |
| That singer is the most unpopular celebrity in the world.   |   |