

EPISODE ACTIVITY

GIVE IT A LISTEN!



Season 4, Episode 14
The Lost Spoon and Why I Don't Like
Forks/Backwards Town



What's This Activity About?

Drawing pictures to illustrate different "oxymorons".

What Stuff Do I Need?

Blank paper and something to draw and write with!



This lesson is inspired by the story "Backwards Town" by an 11 year-old from Canada named Juniper. In the story, a girl named Stephanie May and her family move to a new town called Backwards Town where "everything is the opposite." In Backwards Town, her parents are proud of her for getting detention in school, the "back corner" of the store actually means "the front," and the place where tissues should be is where they actually keep sandpaper. Stephanie May gets confused: Everything is backwards!

For this activity, we're going to look at a type of figure of speech which can be a bit backwards and confusing, just like Backwards Town: the oxymoron. An oxymoron is when you describe something by putting two words together that kind of mean the opposite--like saying something is "awfully good." If it's "good," why did you put the word "awful" in front of it? Where are we, Backwards Town??

Take a look at the Awfully Good Oxymorons sheet, and choose one that looks fun to you. Decide what kind of person, place or thing the oxymoron is describing. If you pick "seriously funny," for example, is it describing a clown with a serious face? A business person in fancy clothes completely covered in ice cream? A quiet library with a purple polka-dotted frog dancing ballet, while everyone tries not to laugh? The choice is yours--just try to make your drawing show a little bit of both opposite words!

After you create an oxymoron drawing, please share it with us!

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AWFULLY GOOD OXYMORONS

An oxymoron is a figure of speech created by putting two words together that mean the opposite. Take a look at the oxymorons listed below, and decide on one you want to illustrate (draw a picture of). What sort of person, place or thing do you think the oxymoron you picked is describing? Be sure to include lots of details to bring the oxymoron to life, and feel free to label the drawing with any important notes you want your audience to keep in mind.

Pretty ugly

Alone together

Joyful sadness

Seriously funny

Bittersweet

Weirdly normal

Small crowd

Crash landing

Working vacation

Wise fool

Big baby

Awfully good

Growing smaller

Busy doing nothing

Amazingly awful

Impossible solution

Icy Hot

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