

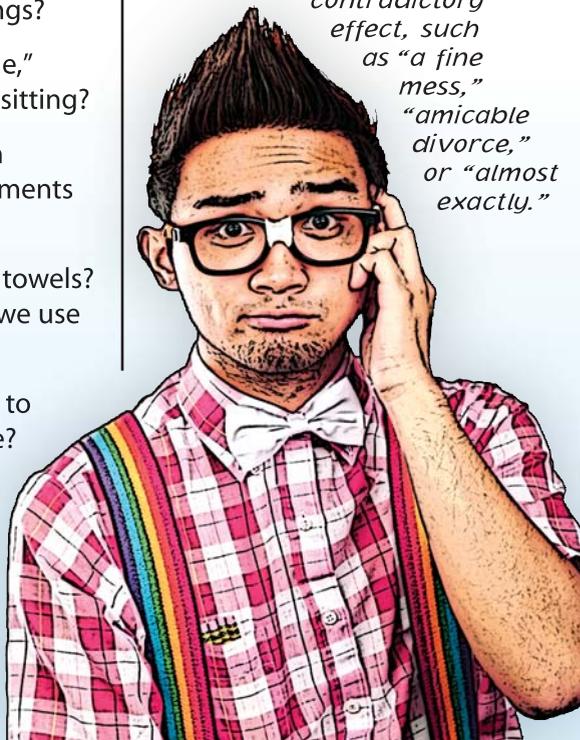
OXYMORONS*

"I Dunno... Why?"

1. Why is the third hand on the watch called the second hand?
2. Why do we say something is out of whack? What's a "whack"?
3. Why do "tug boats" push their barges?
4. Why do we sing, "Take me out to the ball game" when we are already there?
5. Why are they called "stands" when they are made for sitting?
6. Why is it called "after dark" when it really is "after light"?
7. Doesn't "expecting the unexpected" make the unexpected expected?
8. Why are a "wise man" and a "wise guy" opposites?
9. Why do "overlook" and "over-see" mean opposite things?
10. If "all the world's a stage," where is the audience sitting?
12. Why do we put suits in garment bags and garments in a suitcase?
13. Why do we wash bath towels? Aren't we clean when we use them?
14. Why doesn't glue stick to the inside of the bottle?
15. Why do they call it a TV "set" when you only have one?
16. Why do we drive on a parkway and park on a driveway?

17. Why does "slow down" and "slow up" mean the same thing?
18. Why does "fat chance" and "slim chance" mean the same thing?
19. Why do we say a near miss when we nearly hit something? Shouldn't it be a near hit?
20. Why is a bra singular and panties plural?
21. If love is blind, why is lingerie so popular?
22. How can something be found missing?
23. Is it good if a vacuum really sucks?

***Oxymoron:** a figure of speech by which a locution produces an incongruous, seemingly self-contradictory effect, such as "a fine mess," "amicable divorce," or "almost exactly."



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