Oxymoron

An oxymoron is a figure in speech in which two apparently contradictory words appear next to or near each other, for example, “alone together” is an oxymoron. A person cannot be “alone” and “together” with someone else at the same time, and yet the phrase “alone together” has a particular meaning that we understand.

Match each oxymoron on the right to the literal description of its meaning on the left.

_____ 1. Someone who is physically grown but acts like a baby.  
   A  Jumbo Shrimp

_____ 2. Missing someone who is not there.  
   B  Walking dead

_____ 3. A silence so noticeable you can almost “hear” it.  
   C  deafening silence

_____ 4. Shrimp that are very big.  
   D  noticeable absence

_____ 5. The one you like the least, but don’t exactly hate.  
   E  alone in a crowd

_____ 6. Feeling lonely even though you are with others.  
   F  least favorite

_____ 7. Someone that is extremely exhausted.  
   G  big baby

8. Now invent an oxymoron of your own! Think of some quality and its opposite. Write your oxymoron on the lines below and explain its meaning in a few words.

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