Contradictory Terms

**DIRECTIONS:** An oxymoron is a figure of speech in which apparently contradictory terms are put next to each other to achieve an effect. Underline the oxymoron in each sentence.

1. After staying up so late the night before, Phoebe felt like the living dead.

2. Although we laughed a lot, the movie was a tragic comedy.

3. We were hoping the contractor would give us an exact estimate.

4. When Pete asked Debbie to the dance, her answer was a definite maybe.

5. We put the objects in random order.

6. We were worried when the pilot had to make a crash landing.

7. I think something is wrong with my computer because it runs slowly.

8. This cake is awfully good.

9. When she swung the bat it was a near miss.

10. This potion will make you appear invisible.