What is an Oxymoron?

An oxymoron is a figure of speech in which apparently contradictory terms are put next to each other to achieve an effect. Find the oxymoron in each sentence and write it on the line. Explain its meaning.

1. Her drawings are painfully beautiful. ________________________________

2. The performers drew a small crowd. ________________________________

3. His answer was almost exactly the same. ________________________________

4. Not every country believes in free trade. ________________________________

5. She gave a silent scream of frustration. ________________________________

6. That dog is pretty ugly. ________________________________

7. His mood is a constant variable in my life. ________________________________

8. My father took a working holiday last week. ________________________________