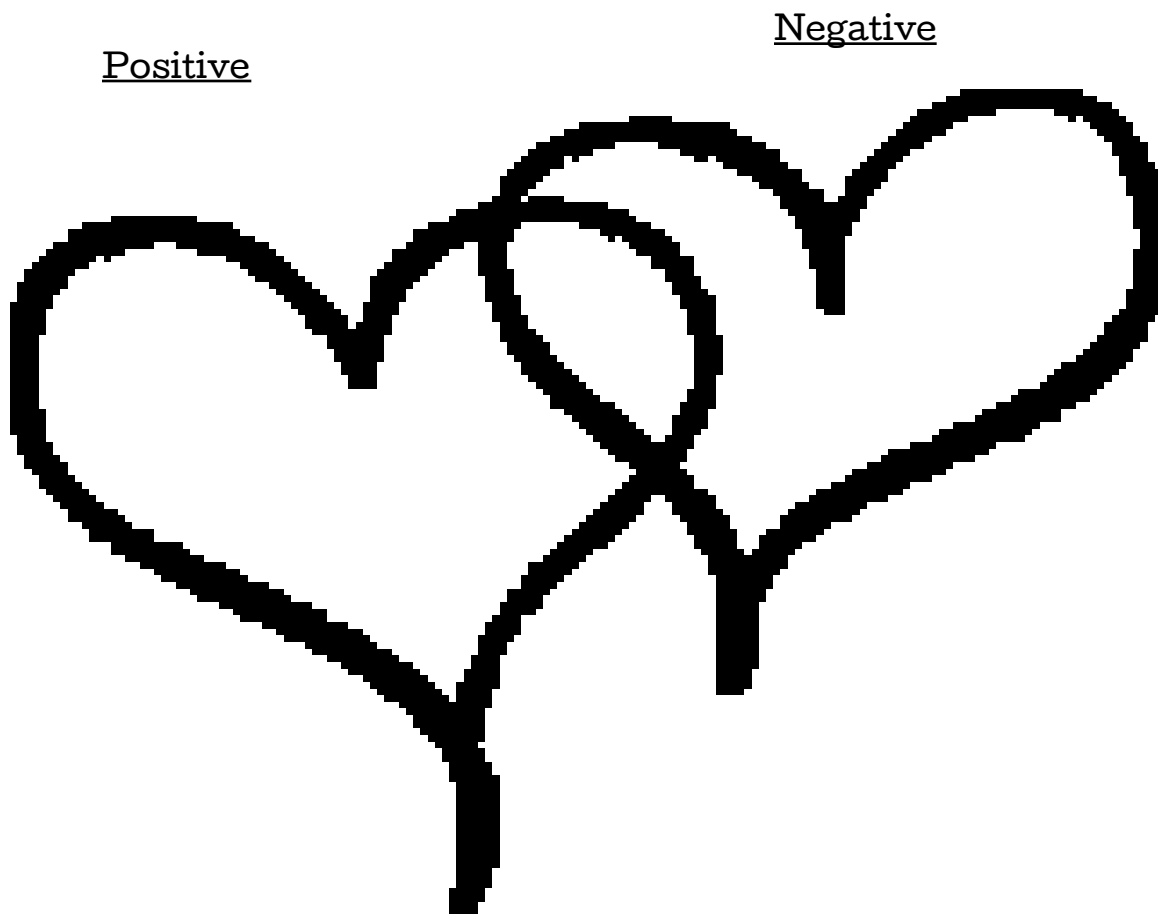


# Oxymoron Poem

Oxymoron:

Examples: Beautiful lie, a fine mess, act naturally, alone together, forgotten memories, fresh prunes

Love has both positive and negative sides. Brainstorm on the positive and negative aspects of love using single adjectives as descriptors in the chart below.



After you are finished brainstorming, combine the words from the negative and positive columns to create oxymoronic or contradictory phrases.

### **Oxymoron List**

1.

2.

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Using the oxymorons that you have created, write an 8-line poem.

## Mrs. Washington's Brainstorm:

Happiness kisses smiles hugs laughs respect loyalty trust  supportive caring close loyalty happy Happiness Hugs  Smiles  Share  Beautiful Lovely encouraging uplifting improve smiles laughs	overbearing consume compromise fears cries Fake love tears Hurt Abuse disrespect Lying Fake love tears Hurt Abuse disrespect Lying abuse manipulation distrust cheating hurting lies pain responsibility honesty lyin ,trust

**Positive**  
Happiness  
Cheating

**Negative**

Hugs  
Smiles  
Sadness  
Share  
Beautiful  
Lovely

Abuse  
  
Isolation  
Tears  
Liar

### **Oxymoron List**

Beautiful abuse  
Smiles of isolation  
Cheating Smiles

### **Poem:**

Beautiful abuse  
Covered by stark white smiles of  
isolation—  
You are a lovely liar.