

Contronyms



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<https://ielts.com.au/australia/prepare/article-grammar-101-what-is-a-conronym>

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Cumulative cultural evolution in the laboratory: An experimental approach to the origins of structure in human language

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ABSTRACT

We introduce an experimental paradigm for studying the cumulative cultural evolution of language. In doing so we provide the first experimental validation for the idea that cultural transmission can lead to the appearance of design without a designer. Our experiments involve the iterated learning of artificial languages by human participants. We show that languages transmitted culturally evolve in such a way as to maximize their own transmissibility: over time, the languages in our experiments become easier to learn and increasingly structured. Furthermore, this structure emerges purely as a consequence of the transmission of

http://www.fun-with-words.com/nym_autoantonyms.html

1. Overview

2. Plethora Of Names

3. Reasons

4. Alphabetical Menu

5. Research

Articles

**A contronym is a word with
duelling or contradictory**

meanings. ms appear across

Homonyms

many languages

same spelling

different definitions

Antonyms

words with opposite meanings

Contronyms are both

Janus words

Antagonym

Auto antonyms

autantonym

Antilogy

Contranym OR Contronym

Enantiodrome

Enantionym

Addid (Arabic) Didd

Homographs – same form with different
etymology

Cleave

Polysemy – Symbols (words) can have 1+
meaning

Sanction

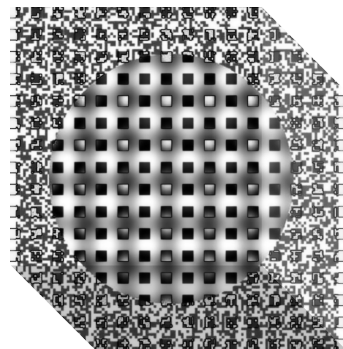
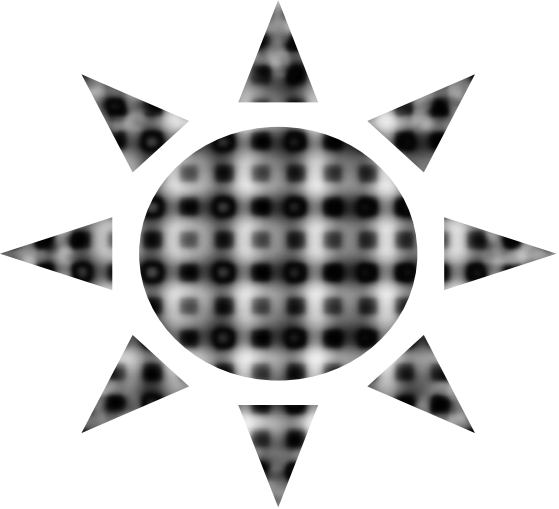
Greek: πολύ-, polý-, "many" and σήμα, sêma, "sign"

When words form from a single action in which either party involved is participating leaving subject-object cues null

Borrow, Lend

In English sometimes nouns turn to verbs

Dust Seed



A



G

D



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Alight	Verb, Adjective , Conronym	settle onto	dismount
Apology	Verb, Conronym	contrition for an acting	deference for an action
Arrest	Noun, Verb	to be person charged with crime	to be charging with crime
Aught	Adjective , Conronym	all	nothing

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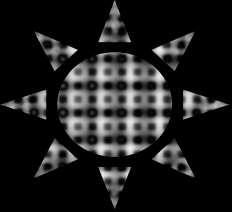
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Bill

Noun, Contronym

A payment

invoice to pay

Bitch

Adjective , Contronym

referring to overly
aggressive

referring to submissive

Bittersweet

Adjective , One Word Oxymorans

bitter

sweet

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Bitter sweet

Adjective , One Word

Oxymorans

bitter

sweet

Bound

Verb, Contronym

heading to destination

restraining movement

buy

noun

Definition of buy

1: something of value at a favorable price especially : BARGAIN It's a real buy at that price

2: an act of acquiring possession, ownership, or rights to the use or services of something by payment especially of money : an act of buying (see BUY entry 1 sense 1) :

PURCHASE an undercover drug buy

idiom 'he bought it when sliding into first base and landed right on his face'

By

Adverb, Contronym

multiplication

be=unstressed

division bi=stressed

Bolt

Verb, Contronym

secure

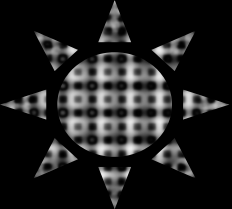
flee

Buckle

Verb, Con

to connect

to collapse or break



Can

Chiaroscuro

Chuffed

Citation

Contronym

Adjective , One Word Oxymorans

Contronym

Noun, Contronym

save

chiaro=light

pleased

letter or note demanding
appearance

discard

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annoyed

letter or note stating
ownership

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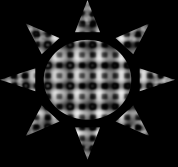
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Verb, Contronym

to adhere

to seperate

Clip

Verb, Contronym

to fasten together

to cut apart

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to get advice

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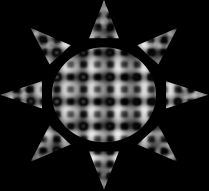
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Adjective , Contronym

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negative reference

Copemate

Noun, Contronym

partner

antagonist

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Noun, Verb, Contronym

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Verb, Contronym

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to plant or grow

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Cull

Contronym

Select

Reject

<https://merriam-webster.com/dictionary/cull>

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Noun, Contronym

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ditch

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Verb, Contronym

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pull apart

Dress

Verb, Contronym

To put on

To take off

Dust

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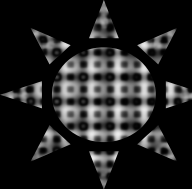
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 Enjoin	Verb, Contronym	impose	inhibit
Face It	Verb, Contronym		to tell someone to face something they are not
Fast	Adjective , Contronym	quick	stuck
Fight for-fought for			on opposite sides of war or 3rd used as weapon

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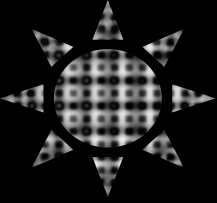
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Fine

Adjective **Contronym**

excellent

fair



Finish

Verb, Contronym

completed

destroyed

First Degree

Noun, Contronym

most severe (murder)

least severe (burn)

Fix

Verb, Contronym

repair

castrate

Flesh

Contronym

to add substance

to clean hide

Flog

Verb, Contronym

constantly promote

beat or criticize

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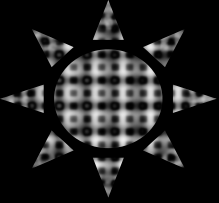
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Garnish

Verb, Contronym

to provide extra

to take away

Give Out

Verb, Contronym

to provide

to stop

Go

Noun, Verb, Contronym

to start or continue

weaken or fail

Grade

Adjective , Contronym

a slope in degree

horizontal line

Give Out

de

Adjective , Contronym

n degree

horizontal line

Garnish

Verb, Contronym

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Handicap	Adjective , Contronym	advantage to ensure equality	disadvantage preventing equal achievement
Help	Verb, Contronym	assist as in "I can help you"	cant prevent as in "I can't help it"
Hew	Verb, Contronym	stick close to	To cut away
Hold Up	Verb, Contronym	support	impede
Hysterical	Contronym	Funny	Overwhelmed with fear

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How

Verb, Contronym

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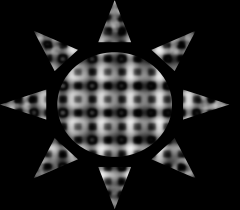
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Impregnable

Conronym

Invulnerable

Vulnerable (to
impregnation)

Inoculate

Conronym

To protect against

To infect with

Invite

Verb, Conronym

to be asked

to ask

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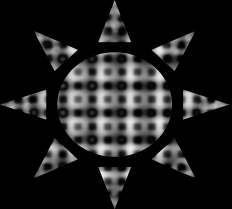
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Lease

Verb, Adjective , Contronym

offer property for rent

own property

Left

Verb, Adjective , Contronym

remained

departed

Let

Adjective , Contronym

allowed

hindered

Liege

Contronym

feudal lord

vassel

Literally

Adjective , Contronym

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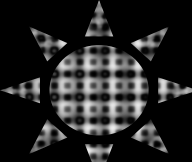
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 Mean Minute Model Moot	Contronym	Average or stingy	excellent
	Contronym	referring to a long amount of time	referring to a short amount of time
	Noun, Contronym	an example	a copy
		debatable	Not worth debating

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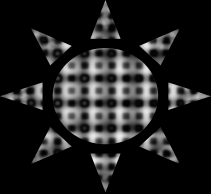
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Off

Adjective , Contronym

functioning

not functioning

Out

Adjective , Contronym

visable; moon

not visable;lights

Out Of

Verb, Adjective , Contronym

physically not in

located temporarily

Overlook

Verb, Contronym

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to miss or forget

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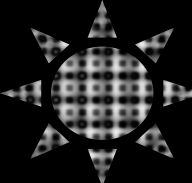
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Overlook

Verb, Con

to watch over

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 Peer Peruse Pianoforte (full name of piano) Preposterous Presently Push Put Out	Adjective , Contronym	a person of respect and nobility	a peer or equal
	Verb, Contronym	skim over	read over carefully
	Noun, One Word Oxymorans	piano=soft	forte=loud
	Adjective , Contronym, One Word Oxymorans	prae= in front of	sterous= behind
	Adjective , Contronym	now	soon
	Verb, Contronym	to exert oneself for an agenda	to exert oneself against agenda
	Verb, Contronym	extinguish	generate

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Adjective , Contronym, One

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Push

Verb, Contronym

to exert oneself for an agenda

to exert oneself against

agenda

Put Out

Verb, Contronym

extinguish

generate

Quantum

Adjective , Contronym

extremely huge

miniscule piece of

Quiddity

Contronym

essence

trivial dispute

Quite

Contronym

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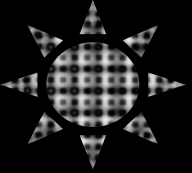
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	Sanction	Verb, Contronym	approve	boycott
	Sanguine	Adjective , Contronym	cheerful; sure of self	bloodthirsty
	scan	Verb, Contronym	to peruse	to glance
	Screen	Verb, Contronym	to hide	to show
	Seed	Verb, Contronym	to add seeds ex. garden	to remove seeds ex. watermelon
	Settle	Verb, Contronym	To move	To stop moving
	Shop	Noun, Verb, Contronym	to purchase items	to sell items
	Skinned	Adjective , Contronym	covered with skin	skin is removed
	Snap	Verb, Contronym	break apart	clasp together
	Sophomore	Adjective , Contronym, One Word Oxymorans	sophos=wise Greek	moros=foolish Greek
	Spendthrift	Adjective , One Word Oxymorans	spend= to exchange money	thrift=to save money
	Snlice	Verb, Contronym	to join	to Senerate

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Splice

Verb, Contronym

to join

to Seperate

Stone

Verb, Contronym

throw rocks at to kill

remove pits

stem

start; originate

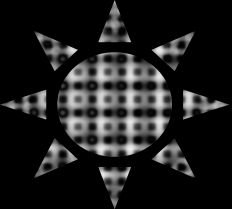
Stop or restrain

Strike

Verb, Contronym

to hit physically

to miss in baseball



Transparent

Adjective , Contronym

having the property of
transmitting light without
appreciable scattering so
that bodies lying beyond
are seen clearly :
PELLUCID

allowing the passage of a
specified form of radiation
(such as X-rays or
ultraviolet light)

b: fine or sheer enough to
be seen through :
DIAPHANOUS

obvious

2a: free from pretense
deceit : FRANK

b: easily detected or seen
through : OBVIOUS

c: readily understood

d: characterized by
visibility or accessibility
information especially
concerning business
practices

Trim

Verb, Contronym

to add decoration

to cut away from

Transparent

Adjective , Contronym

invisible CE 1828

obvious

Temper

Verb, Contronym

to soften

strengthen

Tan

Verb, Contronym

process to live skin

process to dead skin

Toss Out

Verb, Contronym

throw away

throw to or give ideas

Trip

Verb, Contronym

journey

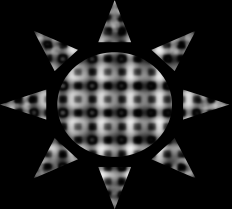
stumble

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Verb, Contronym

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Unbend

Verb, Contronym

transitive verb
to relax

2: to cease to be bent :
become straight

Variety

Adjective , Contronym

particular type

many types

Unbend

transitive verb

Straighten

intransitive verb

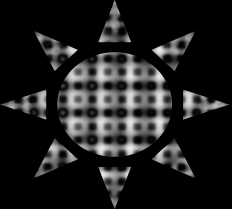
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Water

Verb, Contronym

To pour out

To pour on

Wear

Verb, Contronym

to endure

to deteriorate

Weather

Verb, Adjective , Contronym

withstand

wear away

Went Off

Verb, Contronym

To start

to stop

Wicked

Adjective , Adverb, Contronym

extremely good

bad

Wind Up

Verb, Contronym

to end

to start up

With

Contronym

alongside

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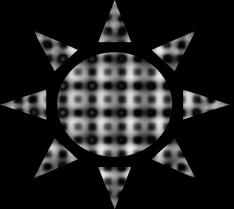
against

Wedge

Contronym

Pull apart

Push together et her



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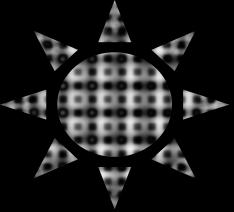
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