

paradox

['pærədɒks] *n*
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para·dox [paradox paradoxes] *BrE* ['pærədɒks] ¹ *NAmE* ['pærədəɒks] ² *noun*

- 1. countable** a person, thing or situation that has two opposite features and therefore seems strange
 - He was a paradox— a loner who loved to chat to strangers.
 - It is a curious paradox that professional comedians often have unhappy personal lives.
- 2. countable, uncountable** a statement containing two opposite ideas that make it seem impossible or unlikely, although it is probably true; the use of this in writing
 - 'More haste, less speed' is a well-known paradox.
 - It's a work full of paradox and ambiguity.

Derived Words ↑paradoxical ▪ ↑paradoxically

Word Origin:

mid 16th cent. (originally denoting a statement contrary to accepted opinion): via late Latin from Greek **paradoxon** 'contrary (opinion)', neuter adjective used as a noun, from **para-** 'distinct from' + **doxa** 'opinion'.

Example Bank:

- The author tackles one of the deepest paradoxes of life.
- The facts pose something of a paradox.
- The paradox about time is that it seems to go faster as we become older and less active.
- the paradox between the real and the ideal
- the paradox in the relationship between creativity and psychosis
- It's a curious paradox that professional comedians often have unhappy personal lives.
- Our study helps to resolve this apparent paradox.
- This is one of the paradoxes of contemporary political thinking.

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[**Date:** 1500-1600; **Language:** Latin; **Origin:** paradoxum, from Greek, from paradoxis 'opposite to what is expected']

- 1. [countable]** a situation that seems strange because it involves two ideas or qualities that are very different:
 - It's a paradox that in such a rich country there can be so much poverty.
- 2. [countable]** a statement that seems impossible because it contains two opposing ideas that are both true:
 - The paradox is that fishermen would catch more fish if they fished less.
- 3. [uncountable]** the use of statements that are a paradox in writing or speech

—**paradoxical** /,pærə'dɒksɪkəl \$ -'dɑɒkəl/ *adjective*

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