

St Mark's Word of the Week



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Are you familiar with this word?

What does it mean?

Can you use it in a sentence?

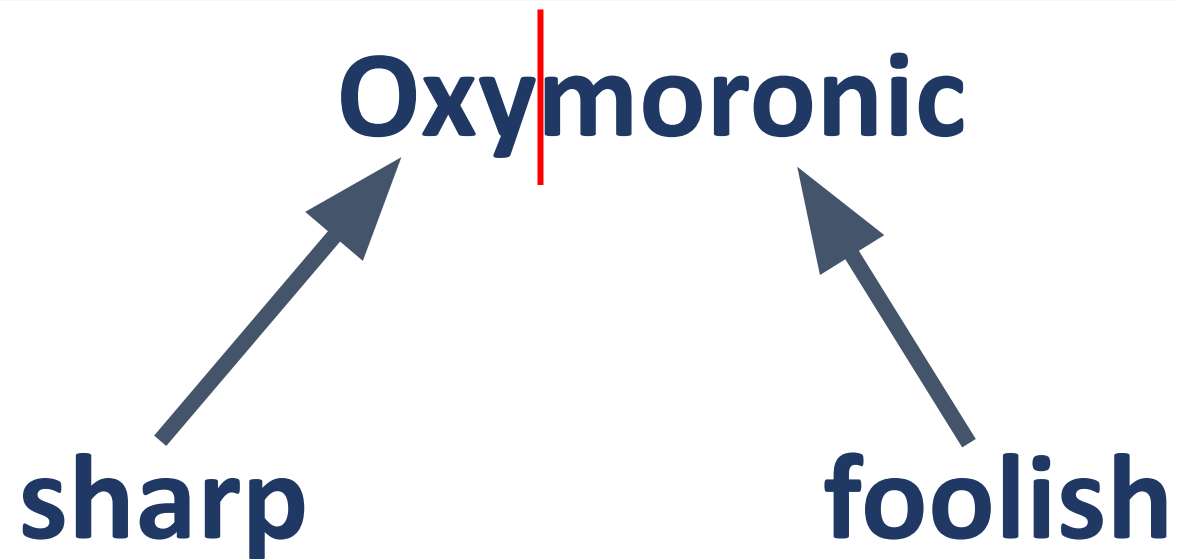


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Where does the word come from? What is its etymology?



Sharply foolish, the foolishness is very obvious



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Let's look at an example:

A new tradition

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'New' means 'new'!

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A 'tradition' is something that has been done before so is not new.

This sentence is oxymoronic.



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Can you think of any other phrases that are oxymoronic?

