Contradiction

A contradiction is a statement that opposes a view or previous statement.

Deconstruction:
From the Latin *contra*, meaning against.
From *dicere*, meaning to say, to speak.

Linking:
Disagreement, discrepancy, difference, inconsistency, oxymoron.

Using:
She highlighted a contradiction in his argument.

Digging Deeper:
The literary device oxymoron pairs together two things that are seemingly a contradiction. For example, ‘Oh loving hate!’ Loving is about care and regard whilst hate is an intense dislike so a ‘loving hate’ is a contradiction.