

Euphemisms

Euphemisms involve substituting a mild, inoffensive phrase for an otherwise frank expression that might offend. Some euphemisms are intended for humour, but others are intended to make things seem more positive than they really are.

Euphemism	What it really means
Correctional facility	Jail
Cross over to the other side	Die
It fell off the back of a truck	Stolen merchandise
In reduced circumstances	Poor
Lose your lunch	Vomit
Message from our sponsor	Advertisement
Between jobs	Unemployed
Kick the bucket	Die
Big boned	Fat
Idiot box	Television
Little boy's room	Bathroom
Chemical dependency	Drug addiction
Economically depressed neighbourhood	Slum, ghetto
Bend the truth	Lie
Peer collaboration	Cheating
A little thin on top	Bald
Visit from the stork	Give birth
Bun in the oven	Pregnant
Vertically challenged	Short
Kick the bucket	Die
Armed intervention	Military attack
Gentleman friend	Lover
Put to sleep	Euthanize
Have words with someone	Have an argument
Slip of the mind	Forget

