



Euphemisms

A euphemism is a word or phrase that is used to communicate something which, if said bluntly, might sound overly harsh, rude, or even offensive. Some common euphemisms are:

My father was *let go* last week. (Let go is a euphemism for fired.)

Cathy's uncle *passed away*. (Passed away is euphemism for died.)

DIRECTIONS: Write the meaning of each euphemism.

1. spin the truth _____
2. unique looking _____
3. running a little behind _____
4. overzealous _____
5. adult beverage _____
6. pre-owned _____
7. hearing impaired _____
8. couch potato _____
9. lose your lunch _____

