



Euphemisms

English

What is Euphemisms?

◦ A euphemism is a **figure of speech**, which means "an expression in which the words are not used in their literal sense." Therefore, euphemisms are classified as **figurative language**, which is the "use of words in an unusual or imaginative manner."

Euphemism

How's the task going?



I am continuing to **identify inappropriate solutions.**



You might find yourself **between jobs** if you keep that up.

Examples of Euphemisms

◦ Here are some examples of common euphemisms:

- He has passed away.
(*Euphemism for-He has died.*)

- She is between jobs.
(*She is unemployed.*)

- He is a little thin on top.
(*He is losing his hair.*)

- This pre-loved sofa is for sale.
(*This second-hand sofa is for sale.*)

More Examples of Common Euphemisms

- Here are some more commonly used euphemisms:

Euphemism	Meaning
a few sandwiches short of a picnic	mad
cognitively challenged	stupid
didn't make it	has died
differently abled	disabled
kicked the bucket	has died
knocked up	is pregnant
letting you go	you're fired
lost his marbles	mad
over the hill	too old to function effectively
visually challenged	visually impaired

Euphemisms

- While euphemisms can be used for comic effect, they can also be used to soften tough news or uncomfortable ideas. Euphemisms usually undermine the offensiveness of a negative idea (e.g., death, old age, madness) by being polite, witty, or a bit of both.

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- When talking to a grieving widow, for example, a polite euphemism for dead (e.g., passed away, resting in peace) will be more appropriate than a witty one (e.g., kicked the oxygen habit, plucking turnips). You can use well-known euphemisms or even invent your own.

Let's do exercise!

- Question 1. True or False?

A euphemism is the use of agreeable or inoffensive words to replace rude or offensive ones.

A: True

B: False

Exercise

◦ Question 1. Answer:

A: True

Exercise

◦ Question 2. Select the correct meaning of the euphemism

He is between jobs is a euphemism for

A: Heavy

B: Sick

C: Unemployed

Exercise

- Question 2. Answer:

C: Unemployed

Exercise

- Question 3. Select the correct meaning of the euphemism.

He is economical with the truth is a euphemism for:

A: Dead

B: A liar

C: Kind

Exercise

- Question 3. Answer:

B: A liar

Exercise

Question 4. Select the correct meaning of the euphemism.

He is big boned is a euphemism for:

A: Fat

B: Poor

C: Sleeping

Exercise

◦ Question 4. Answer:

A: Fat



Thank You!