## <u>Euphemism</u>

## Definition:

A replacement of a harsh, offensive, nor blunt term with a more sensitive, or sometimes comical, term or phrase.

## Examples:

Kicked the bucket: died

Vertically challenged: short

• Golden Age: old

• A little thin on top: bald

• Relocation Center: prison camp

• Economically marginalized: poor

• Illegal (adj): Criminal (adj)

• Blow chunks: throw up

Snog: kiss

• Big-boned: over-weight

Challenged: disabled

Expecting: pregnant

Custodian: janitor

Put to sleep: killed with a drug

Couch Potato: lazy person

Didn't make it: died

Over the hill: died

Late: is dead (My late wife)

Lost her marbles: has gone mentally insane or is mentally ill

## Sentences:

- Yesterday, my dog passed away.
  - o Replaces: Yesterday, my dog died.
- She was left on the streets.
  - Replaces: She was homeless.