



Synonyms and Antonyms

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Grade: Grade 5

Part A: Fill in the Blank

Write the missing word or number on each line.

1. The newspaper reported that the elderly neighbor 'passed away,' a gentle euphemism for _____ on Saturday.
2. When the company said employees were 'let go,' they really meant the workers were _____ from their jobs.
3. Calling a small house 'cozy' is a euphemism that softens the more direct synonym _____ for the same idea.
4. Saying a student is 'between jobs' is a euphemism for being _____, which sounds more direct and blunt.
5. The veterinarian 'put the old dog to sleep,' which is a kind euphemism for _____ the pet humanely.
6. Describing trash collectors as 'sanitation workers' uses a respectful synonym instead of the blunt word _____.
7. Calling someone 'economical' instead of _____ is a euphemism that puts a positive spin on the same trait.
8. When a coach calls a player 'undersized,' it is a euphemism for the more direct synonym _____ in sports writing.
9. Calling a used car 'pre-owned' is a marketing euphemism for the simpler, more direct synonym _____ vehicle.

Part B: Matching

Match each item on the left to the correct answer on the right.

1. Match each item to its correct answer.

passed away	→	_____	used
let go	→	_____	unemployed

Part A: Fill in the Blank

Write the missing word or number on each line.

1. The newspaper reported that the elderly neighbor 'passed away,' a gentle euphemism for died on Saturday.
2. When the company said employees were 'let go,' they really meant the workers were fired from their jobs.
3. Calling a small house 'cozy' is a euphemism that softens the more direct synonym cramped for the same idea.
4. Saying a student is 'between jobs' is a euphemism for being unemployed, which sounds more direct and blunt.
5. The veterinarian 'put the old dog to sleep,' which is a kind euphemism for euthanizing the pet humanely.
6. Describing trash collectors as 'sanitation workers' uses a respectful synonym instead of the blunt word garbagemen.
7. Calling someone 'economical' instead of cheap is a euphemism that puts a positive spin on the same trait.
8. When a coach calls a player 'undersized,' it is a euphemism for the more direct synonym small in sports writing.
9. Calling a used car 'pre-owned' is a marketing euphemism for the simpler, more direct synonym used vehicle.

Part B: Matching

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passed away	→ <u>died</u>	used
let go	→ <u>fired</u>	unemployed
between jobs	→ <u>unemployed</u>	fired