

IV. Short Glossary of Words and Their Euphemisms

Word	Euphemism
accident, crisis, disaster	incident
addict; addiction	substance abuser; substance abuse, chemical dependency
adulterous	extramarital
arrest (v)	apprehend
beggar	panhandler, homeless person
bombing	air support
break-in	security breach
brothel	massage parlor
cheap	frugal, thrifty, economical
coffin	casket
complaint form	response form
confinement	detention
criminal (adj)	illegal
criminal (young)	juvenile delinquent
crippled	disabled, physically challenged
custodian	building maintenance staff
dead	departed, deceased, late, lost, gone, passed
death insurance	life insurance
death penalty	capital punishment
death	demise, end, destination, better world, afterlife
deaths	body count
die	pass away, pass on, expire, go to heaven
drug addict	substance abuser
drugs	illegal substances
drunk (adj)	intoxicated, inebriated, tipsy
exploit (land)	develop
fail	fizzle out, fall short, go out of business
false (adj)	prosthesis
false teeth	dentures
fat	overweight, chubby, portly, stout, plump
fire (v)	lay off, release, downsize, let go, streamline, rightsize

garbage collector	sanitation person
garbage dump	landfill
genocide	ethnic cleansing
hyperactive	Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD)
illegal worker	undocumented worker
imprisoned	incarcerated
informer	confidential source
jail	secure facility
jungle	rain forest
juvenile delinquent	problem child, at-risk child
kill	put down/away/out/to sleep
kill on a mass basis	liquidate
killing of innocents	collateral damage
lawyer	attorney
lazy	unmotivated
lie (n)	fib, fabrication, cover story, story, untruth, inaccuracy
make love	sleep with
money	funds
mortuary	funeral home/parlor
multi-racial	diverse
murder	hit, kill, do someone in, finish off someone
noisy	boisterous
office equipment	productivity products
old	mature, distinguished, senior, traditional, seasoned, new (e.g., "The house is two years new")
old age	golden age, golden years
old person	senior citizen, pensioner
old persons' home	convalescent hospital, retirement home, rest home, nursing home
one-room apartment	studio apartment, efficiency
pay (n)	remuneration, salary
person	representative, individual
perspire, perspiration	sweat
police officer	peace officer
poor children	at-risk children
poor nation	emerging nation, developing nation, third-world nation

poor student	underachiever, underperformer
poor	low-income, working class, modest, underprivileged
power failure	service interruption
prison	correctional facility
prisoner	inmate, convict, detainee
problem	issue, challenge, complication
rain, snow, hail	precipitation
remedial education	special education
removed from duty	put on administrative leave
repression (social, political)	law and order
retarded	special, slow, mentally challenged
rough	physical
rude	self-centered
sales	marketing
salesman, -woman	sales associate
say	indicate, disclose, mention
school	institute
secretary	administrative assistant
selfish	self-centered
sick	indisposed, ill, under the weather
small	quaint, cozy, petite
software product	solution
solve	resolve
spy (n)	source of information, agent
spying	surveillance
steal	appropriate, salvage, lift, borrow
stupid	slow
suicide (to commit)	to end it all, take the easy way out, do oneself in
surprise attack	preemptive strike
sweat (v)	perspire
talk (v, n)	converse (v), conversation (n)
teacher	educator
theft	inventory shrinkage
tip (n)	gratuity

toilet	john, WC, men's room, restroom, bathroom, washroom, lavatory
totalitarian	authoritarian
tramp	homeless person
ugly	unattractive, modest, plain
underwear (women's)	lingerie
unemployed	between jobs, taking time off
unreserved seating	general admission, festival seating
used	previously owned, pre-owned, refurbished, second-hand
vagrant	homeless person
venereal disease	social disease
victim	casualty
wrong	improper, questionable, impropriety (n)