

Name _____



Soft Talk Swap

Directions: Read each harsh or direct phrase below. Match it with its softer, more polite version by writing the letter of the euphemism next to the number. Be sure to think about which "gentle" word sounds right for the situation!

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| ____ 1. The dog died . | A. They're going through tough times . |
| ____ 2. He was fired from his job. | B. The company is downsizing . |
| ____ 3. She is old . | C. The dog passed away . |
| ____ 4. The garbage man collects trash . | D. He was let go . |
| ____ 5. He lied to his parents. | E. She is a senior citizen . |
| ____ 6. The company is cutting jobs . | F. He stretched the truth . |
| ____ 7. The test failed completely. | G. The family relocated . |
| ____ 8. She broke up with her friend. | H. She ended the friendship . |
| ____ 9. They don't have money right now. | I. The test was less than successful . |
| ____ 10. The family moved out suddenly. | J. The sanitation worker collects waste . |