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Hidden Meanings Hunt

Directions: Read each sentence carefully. Use the **context clues** around the bolded euphemism to figure out what it really means. Then, write what you think the euphemism means in your own words.

1. After twenty years of service, the old school bus was finally **retired**, and a brand-new one took its place.
2. My aunt said her goldfish had **passed away**, so we held a small goodbye ceremony in the backyard.
3. The company announced they were **downsizing**, and several workers would soon be looking for new jobs.
4. The teacher told the class that some students needed to **hit the books** before next week's exam.
5. The man said he was **between jobs**, but he was confident he'd find new work soon.
6. The mayor promised that the town's new **correctional facility** would create jobs and improve safety.
7. When my brother accidentally dropped Mom's phone, he said he **bent the truth** about how it broke.
8. The restaurant owner said they were **temporarily closed for maintenance**, but everyone knew business had been slow for months.
9. Our dog was sent to a **better place** after being very sick for a long time.
10. The movie actor said she was **taking a break** from acting to "focus on herself," but rumors said she'd been fired.