

Corporate Code Breaker Answer Key

1. **Restructuring plan** - changing or cutting jobs.
2. **Let go** - fired or laid off.
3. **Downsizing** - reducing the number of employees.
4. **Streamlining operations** - removing jobs or steps to save money.
5. **No longer a good fit** - fired or dismissed.
6. **Step down** - resign or retire.
7. **Relocate resources** - move staff or close locations.
8. **Salary adjustment** - pay cut or small raise.
9. **Right-sizing** - reducing staff to cut costs.
10. **Transitioned out of the organization** - laid off or terminated.

Teacher's Guide

- **Teaching Tips:**
 - Begin with a short discussion about why workplaces use euphemisms (e.g., to sound diplomatic or maintain morale).
 - Read the first few examples together and highlight how the "real meaning" often involves negative or sensitive information.
 - Encourage students to consider how tone and word choice influence workplace communication.
- **Differentiation Strategies:**
 - For **Grades 9-10**: provide a short list of possible meanings to match to each euphemism.
 - For **Grades 11-12**: challenge students to create their own "corporate spin" sentences using euphemisms realistically.
 - For **advanced learners**: have students compare corporate euphemisms to similar soft language in politics or advertising.