

Gentle Rewrites Answer Key

Sample Euphemisms

1. The elderly man is hard of hearing.
2. The company let several employees go.
3. My dog passed away yesterday.
4. The test was less than successful.
5. The sanitation worker didn't collect our waste today.
6. They are going through financial difficulties right now.
7. The teacher said my project needs improvement.
8. The city built a new correctional facility near the river.
9. She's gaining a little extra weight.
10. The restaurant closed its doors last month.

- **Teaching Tips:**

- Review the concept of **euphemisms** with simple examples first (e.g., "passed away" instead of "died").
- Model how to rewrite one or two sentences together as a class before students work independently.
- Discuss how using euphemisms can make speech sound **softer, more polite, or professional**.

- **Differentiation Strategies:**

- For **younger or struggling learners**, provide a word bank of common euphemisms (e.g., "senior citizen," "let go," "relocate").
- For **advanced learners**, challenge them to explain why each euphemism might be chosen in certain settings (news, business, etc.).