

# Euphemisms: A Quiz

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Euphemisms . . . the use of a mild, vague or over-polite word or phrase, to avoid using the correct word or phrase, even if that word or phrase is blunt, disagreeable or a "rude" one. For instance, a man will ask: "Where's the little boys' room?" and a woman will ask: "Where can I powder my nose?" when what they both want to know is: "Where's the toilet?"

There is no place for euphemisms in journalism.

## Euphemism

What an un-hypocritical, blunt journalist would write

## Career change

Sacked from his/her job

**Daughter of joy**

**Prostitute**

**Davey Jones's locker**

**Buried at sea**

**Get with child**

**To impregnate a woman**

**State of nature**

**Nudity**

**Seek fresh challenges**

Sacked from his/her job

**Horizontal folk-dancing**

**Sexual intercourse**

The 19th hole

The bar at a golf club

**Equipment**

A woman or man's genitalia

The flag is up

I am menstruating

**Euphemism**

What an un-hypocritical, blunt person would say

**Flamboyant**

**Hot**

**Inventory leakage**

**Night soil**

**Phantom**

**Gone to pick a daisy**

**Rock crusher**

**Selected out**

**Senior citizen**

He was snatched from us

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