

**euphemism**

[ˈjuːfɪmɪz(ə)m] *n смил.*

эвфемизм

to express by a euphemism - выразить эвфемистически, смягчить

for him work is a mere euphemism for pastime - своё безделье он для приличия называет работой

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**eu·phem·ism** [euphemism euphemisms] *BrE* [ˈjuːfəmɪzəm] *NAmE*

[ˈjuːfəmɪzəm] **noun** ~ (for sth)

an indirect word or phrase that people often use to refer to sth embarrassing or unpleasant, sometimes to make it seem more acceptable than it really is

- ‘Pass away’ is a euphemism for ‘die’.
- ‘User fees’ is just a politician’s euphemism for taxes.

Derived Words ↑euphemistic ▪ ↑euphemistically

Word Origin:

late 16th cent.: from Greek **euphēmismos**, from **euphēmeizein** ‘use auspicious words’, from **eu** ‘well’ + **phēmē** ‘speaking’.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

**eu·phe·mis·m** /ˈjuːfəmɪzəm, ˈjuːfɪzəm/ *BrE* *AmE* **noun** [countable]

[**Date:** 1500-1600; **Language:** Greek; **Origin:** euphemismos, from euphemos ‘sounding good’, from pHEME ‘speech’]

a polite word or expression that you use instead of a more direct one to avoid shocking or upsetting someone:

‘Pass away’ is a euphemism for ‘die’.

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