Oxymorons and Euphemisms

English I
Oxymoron

Oxy = sharp
Moron = dull

An oxymoron is a combination of two contradictory (or opposite) words put together to create an effect in our writing and communication.
Oxymoron

We use oxymorons all the time, sometimes without even noticing it! Here are some examples:

→ Original copies
→ Awfully pretty
→ A new classic
→ Jumbo shrimp
Oxymoron

Zombies are an oxymoron!

THE LIVING DEAD
Oxymoron

Your turn!

You think of some!
Euphemism

A euphemism is an expression used to hide the unpleasantness of what you really mean. A euphemism masks impolite things you might say.

Example -- If someone dies you might say:

→ He kicked the bucket

or

→ He passed away
Euphemism

A euphemism can come in the form of:
→ An abbreviation: B.O. (Body Odor)
→ Words from another language: Faux pas (foolish mistake)
→ An abstraction: Before I go (Before I die)
→ A technical term: Gluteus Maximus
→ Longer words or phrases: Perspiration (sweat)
→ Deliberately mispronouncing: Darn
Euphemism

Here are some examples:

Restroom → Bathroom

Put to sleep → Euthanize

Correctional Facility → Jail

Sometimes, they are not all that polite!

Blow chunks → Vomit
Euphemism

Your turn!
You think of some!