



## ANSWERS

1. Circumlocution means using more words than is necessary to make a point. Circumlocution can be intentional, for stylistic reasons or in order to avoid saying something, or it can be accidental, as a matter of poor writing. It is most often accidental.
2. You can avoid circumlocution by rereading and revising your writing, looking for where you may have used more words than needed. You can set your writing aside for a time and revisit it with “fresh” eyes.
3. If you want a character to be evasive, if you are trying to create mystery, if you want to convey the way a character deals with difficulties in their life, to describe something to a reader in a particular way to communicate something particular, etc.