



# Circumlocution

Circumlocution (also called periphrasis) means “talking around” or “talking in circles.” You use circumlocution – intentionally or not, when you talk around something rather than speaking directly about it.

Circumlocution is always longer and more complicated than it needs to be. Although circumlocution can be accidental, or simply poor writing, it can also be intentional, either as a manner of descriptive writing, or as a way to make a point.

Write a sentence that uses circumlocution to express each idea.

1. You are driving someone somewhere. You are lost.

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2. You don't have enough money to buy something you want.

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3. You don't like the clothes someone is wearing.

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