Euphemisms

A **euphemism** is a pleasant sounding expression that is substituted for either an unpleasant or offensive word.

i.e.

* instead of saying “**died**” it would be more pleasant to say “*passed away*”
* instead of saying “**sweating**” it would be more pleasant to say “*perspire*”

Common Euphemisms

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| **Euphemism** | **Unpleasant or Offensive Word** |
| pre-owned vehicles | used cars |
| revenue enhancement through user’s fees(once said by President Ronald Reagan) | taxes |
| friendly fire | military personal who accidently kill one of their own  |
| stretching the truth | lying |
| economical | cheap |

What are two words from The Giver that could be classified as euphemisms? What word/words are they a substitute for?

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