

# Memorandum

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TO: All Employees  
FROM: Human Resources  
SUBJECT: Foul Language  
DATE: July 4 , 2007

It has been brought to the attention of management that some individuals in the Organisation have been using foul language during the course of work conversations with colleagues. Due to complaints received from some employees who have found such remarks offensive, this type of language can no longer be tolerated. We do, however, realize the critical importance of being able to accurately express your feelings when communicating with colleagues.

Therefore, a list of "TRY SAYING" new phrases has been offered so that a proper exchange of ideas and information can continue in an effective manner, one that will minimize the risk of offending our more sensitive colleagues.

For example:

TRY SAYING: Perhaps I can work late.

INSTEAD OF: And when the fuck do you expect me to do this?

TRY SAYING: That might be difficult to do given the resources currently at my disposal.

INSTEAD OF: No fucking way

TRY SAYING: Really?

INSTEAD OF: You've got to be shitting me!

TRY SAYING: Perhaps you should check with...

INSTEAD OF: Tell someone who gives a shit.

TRY SAYING: Of course I'm concerned.

INSTEAD OF: Ask me if I give a shit.

TRY SAYING: I wasn't involved in the project.  
INSTEAD OF: It's not my fucking problem.

TRY SAYING: That's interesting.  
INSTEAD OF: So what?

TRY SAYING: I'm not sure this can be successfully implemented.  
INSTEAD OF: This is a really stupid idea and it won't work in a million years.

TRY SAYING: I'll try to fit it in.  
INSTEAD OF: Why the hell didn't you tell me sooner?

TRY SAYING: Are you sure this is a problem?  
INSTEAD OF: Who the hell cares?

TRY SAYING: He's not familiar with the issues.  
INSTEAD OF: He's got his head up his arse.

TRY SAYING: Excuse me, sir?  
INSTEAD OF: Eat shit and die.

TRY SAYING: So you weren't happy with it?  
INSTEAD OF: Kiss my ass.

TRY SAYING: I'm a bit overloaded at the moment.  
INSTEAD OF: Fuck it, it's payday Friday.

TRY SAYING: I don't think you understand.  
INSTEAD OF: Shove it up your arse.

TRY SAYING: I love a challenge.  
INSTEAD OF: I hate this job.

TRY SAYING: I see.  
INSTEAD OF: Blow me.

TRY SAYING: Yes, we really should discuss it.  
INSTEAD OF: Not another fucking meeting!

TRY SAYING: I don't think this will be a problem.  
INSTEAD OF: I really don't give a shit.

TRY SAYING: He's somewhat insensitive.

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INSTEAD OF: He's a prick.

TRY SAYING: She's an aggressive go-getter.

INSTEAD OF: She's a ball-busting bitch.

TRY SAYING: I think you could use more training.

INSTEAD OF: You don't know what the fuck you're doing, do you.

Thank You,  
Human Resources

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