

English Home Language

Grade 9

Malapropisms

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- A malapropism is the use of an incorrect word in place of a word with a similar sound, often resulting in a humorous or nonsensical effect.
- It's a type of wordplay where a speaker or writer unintentionally substitutes a word with one that sounds alike but has a different, often inappropriate, meaning

Example

- “He is the very pineapple [pinnacle] of politeness!” —The Rivals, by Richard Sheridan.