



Story #5 - Breaking Bad News: When Rav Kahana died, the Chacham sent to check on him didn't say "he died" directly. He tore his garment and cried, and let people figure it out. He quoted the Pasuk: "One who speaks bluntly is a fool."

Story #6 - The Wheat Crop: Yochanan Chakuka'ah went to check how the grain was growing. The wheat was bad, so instead of giving bad news, he said "the barley grew well." The others answered: "Go tell that to the horses and donkeys!" (People don't eat barley.) The Gemara says he should have said last year's wheat was good, or that a different edible crop grew well.