# 10 Terms to Swap

Some of the language we use in science has a totally different meaning outside of research. Here are the top 10 words I would substitute when communicating science externally.

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| **Theory** | Scientific principle |
| **Significant** | Statistically more likely than chance |
| **Bias** | Error in experimental design |
| **Positive result** | The outcome being tested for |
| **Enhance** | Amplify |
| **Alien** | Foreign, invasive |
| **Uncertainty** | Range of possible outcomes |
| **Positive feedback** | Self-reinforcing |
| **Error** | Difference from the real result |
| **Hypothesis** | Informed prediction |