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## **Say It Right**

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### **The actual terms**

A different meaning in Standard English: "You should give them the actual contract terms": "actual" here means the 'currently prevailing'. In suggesting that you give the "actual contract terms" it means that there are other, perhaps sneaky, terms.

A better way of phrasing it without being

misunderstood is, "You should give them the current contract terms."

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