
Positive Adoption Language

POSITIVE

making an adoption plan
chose adoption

woman who gave birth to the baby
birth mother
biological mother

father of the baby
birth father
biological father

birthparents
biological parents

child by birth
biological child

our child by adoption
our child

adopted person

choosing to parent

keeping the child

child of unmarried parents

adoption triad
adoption circle

unplanned pregnancy

waiting children

child with special needs

make contact
locate, meet

counselor

NEGATIVE

giving up
placed for adoption

real mother
natural mother

real father
natural father
your boyfriend

real parents
natural parents

natural child
real child

adopted child

adopted child
adoptee

illegitimate child

adoption triangle

unwanted pregnancy

unwanted children

hard-to-place child

reunion

caseworker
social worker