Language to use when talking about suicide

The language we use to talk about suicide is important. Below is some suggested language to use and some to stay away from when talking about suicide.

Use	Stay Away From...	Reason
Died by suicide Suicide Ended their life Took their life Killed themself	Completed suicide Committed suicide Successful suicide	Completed suicide makes it sound like the person has accomplished something while committed make it seem like a person broke the law which comes from the time when suicide was considered a criminal act.
Suicide attempt Attempted suicide Attempted to end their life	Failed attempt Unsuccessful attempt	Failed and unsuccessful make it seem like the person is a failure for not being able to kill themself.