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## Power in Words Quiz

**Instructions:** Read each question carefully. Circle the letter of the **best answer**.

1. According to Pieper, the primary purpose of language is:  
A. To persuade people to agree with the speaker  
B. To communicate truth and reveal reality  
C. To entertain listeners with clever rhetoric  
D. To conceal unpleasant realities
2. What does Pieper identify as the danger of propaganda?  
A. It makes people laugh at the truth  
B. It strengthens community dialogue  
C. It forces people to study more carefully  
D. It creates illusions and manipulates emotions
3. Which of the following best describes a **euphemism** in Pieper's sense?  
A. A softened word or phrase that hides harsh reality  
B. A humorous exaggeration for comic effect  
C. A speech filled with technical vocabulary  
D. A new word invented for efficiency
4. Why does Pieper assign responsibility to the **listener** as well as the speaker?  
A. Because listeners must remain passive to respect authority  
B. Because listeners should memorize persuasive slogans  
C. Because listeners share the duty of discerning truth  
D. Because listeners decide which euphemisms to invent
5. Which modern example would most clearly illustrate Pieper's warnings?  
A. A teacher explaining math concepts carefully  
B. A company advertising candy as "healthy energy fuel"  
C. A poet describing nature in metaphors  
D. A student giving an honest class presentation
6. What does Pieper argue happens when a society tolerates corrupted language?  
A. Citizens grow more independent  
B. Trust in truth increases  
C. Corrupted power and domination follow  
D. People stop listening to public speakers altogether
7. Which of the following would Pieper most likely approve as **genuine communication**?  
A. A politician repeating slogans to stir emotion  
B. A social media post designed only to attract attention  
C. An advertisement using exaggeration to sell a product  
D. A news report presenting facts clearly and honestly