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Decoding Pieper's Words

Instructions: Below are sentences inspired by Pieper's text. Each contains a challenging word in **bold**. Use context clues in the sentence to figure out its meaning. Then, choose the best definition from the options provided by circling its letter.

1. "When speech is emptied of **authenticity**, it ceases to convey reality and becomes a tool of manipulation."
a) dishonesty
b) repetition
c) loudness
d) genuineness
2. "Propaganda often creates an **illusion** of knowledge, giving listeners the sense they understand when they do not."
a) false appearance
b) complete truth
c) powerful memory
d) personal opinion
3. "The listener's **responsibility** is not to accept passively but to test words against reality."
a) excuse
b) obligation
c) confusion
d) reward
4. "Speakers who use **euphemisms**, like saying 'collateral damage' instead of civilian deaths, hide painful truths."
a) harsh criticisms
b) softening expressions
c) technical terms
d) exaggerated stories
5. "A society that tolerates corrupt speech may eventually fall into **domination** by those who control words."
a) playful leadership
b) freedom
c) control by force or influence
d) democratic equality

Write Your Own: Pick one word from the list (**authenticity, illusion, responsibility, euphemism, domination**). Write a new sentence using context clues so someone could guess its meaning without a dictionary.

chosen word:

sentence: