



## 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:**