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The Ethics of Dialogue

Instructions: In Josef Pieper's argument, "the speaker" and "the listener" are not just roles but ethical positions in communication. For each section below, analyze how Pieper describes their responsibilities. Treat them as if they were characters in a drama, with traits, motives, and possible failures.

Character	Traits (as described by Pieper)	Responsibilities in Communication	Risks if Role is Abused
The Speaker			
The Listener			

Reflection Prompts

1. **The Ethical Speaker:** What qualities must a speaker have to avoid manipulating language?
2. **The Vulnerable Listener:** Why does Pieper argue that the listener must be active and not passive?
3. **Mutual Responsibility:** How do the roles of speaker and listener depend on each other?
4. **Modern Application:** Give one example from today (politics, media, advertising, etc.) where the speaker abused language and the listener failed to resist. What happened as a result?