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Truth or Twist

Instructions: Read each statement about Pieper's argument. Decide if it is **True (T)** or **False (F)**. Be careful; some false statements are written in a way that could *sound* persuasive but are actually misleading, just like the language abuses Pieper warns against.

1. Pieper believes that the purpose of language is to share truth and reality, not just persuade. (T/F)
2. According to Pieper, the listener has no real responsibility in communication because only the speaker can abuse language. (T/F)
3. When language is used mainly to manipulate emotions, it stops being a path to truth. (T/F)
4. Euphemisms such as “friendly fire” or “collateral damage” are examples of how language can disguise harmful realities. (T/F)
5. Pieper argues that if society tolerates corrupted words, it will also end up tolerating corrupted power. (T/F)
6. Pieper claims that clever speakers who use rhetorical tricks are always trustworthy because they sound convincing. (T/F)
7. Both the speaker and the listener share responsibility for protecting truth in communication. (T/F)
8. Pieper suggests that abusing language creates the illusion of knowledge even when real understanding is absent. (T/F)
9. Pieper believes that propaganda is a healthy and necessary part of democratic life. (T/F)
10. For Pieper, guarding the integrity of language is essential to protecting freedom. (T/F)

Challenge: Pick one of the false statements above. Rewrite it into a **true statement** that reflects Pieper's real idea.