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Double Take News Answer Key

Question	Sample Answer
1. Tone Difference	Report A is optimistic and celebratory, while Report B is critical and skeptical.
2. Biased Language	Report A: "finally delivered," "beautiful," "long-overdue win," "healthier, happier future." Report B: "controversial," "taxpayers foot the bill," "political image," "divisive issue."
3. Focus	Report A emphasizes positive community impacts (family recreation, environment). Report B highlights financial burden and political disagreement.
4. Opinion Shaping	Report A might make readers feel proud and supportive of the project, while Report B might make them question its value or fairness.
5. Neutral Rewrite Example	Original: "City leaders have finally delivered on their promise." → Neutral: "City leaders announced the start of the new park project."

Teacher Notes / Guide

Objective: Students will compare how two sources describe the same event to detect **differences in bias, tone, and focus**, deepening their understanding of perspective in media texts.

Teaching Tips:

- Begin with a discussion: "How can two writers describe the same event differently?"
- Have students **highlight** positive or negative word choices in two different colors.
- Emphasize **tone analysis**: look for words that express **approval, disapproval, or neutrality**.
- Encourage students to consider **author purpose**: Is the writer trying to persuade, inform, or provoke emotion?