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## Neutral Newsroom

**Directions:** Read each **headline** below. Each one uses **biased, emotional, or sensational language** that could influence a reader's opinion before they even read the article. Your task is to **rewrite each headline in a neutral, factual way**, removing any exaggerated or emotionally loaded words.

1. "City Council's Outrageous Plan to Destroy Downtown Parking!"

Neutral Rewrite: \_\_\_\_\_

2. "Brilliant Teen Genius Solves Climate Change with Simple School Project!"

Neutral Rewrite: \_\_\_\_\_

3. "Greedy Developers Snatch Up Every Inch of Green Space in Town!"

Neutral Rewrite: \_\_\_\_\_

4. "Heroic Dog Rescues Family from Certain Doom!"

Neutral Rewrite: \_\_\_\_\_

5. "Lazy Students to Blame for Dropping Test Scores!"

Neutral Rewrite: \_\_\_\_\_



### Reflection Questions

1. How do emotional or judgmental words change the way readers react to a headline?

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2. Why is it important for journalists or readers to recognize bias in headlines?

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3. Choose one of your rewrites. What word(s) did you remove or replace to make it more neutral?

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