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The Batter Banter Answer Key

1. Quote 1: **Mother** (logical, scolding tone focused on order and responsibility)
 2. Quote 2: **Teenage Son** (sarcastic, humorous tone; informal phrasing like "you've gotta")
 3. Quote 3: **Father** (practical, resigned tone; focuses on avoiding chaos next time)
 4. Quote 4: **Teenage Son** again (playful exaggeration, carefree tone)
- Each speaker's phrasing shows attitude: Mom is frustrated, Dad is calm and realistic, Son is mischievous and casual.

Teacher's Guide:

- **Skill Focus:** Strengthens recognition of **individualized voice** through tone, diction, and phrasing.
- **Before Reading:** Review how word choice and sentence rhythm make each character's "voice" distinct.
- **During Reading:** Have students read the quotes aloud using different tones to feel the contrast in personality.
- **After Reading:** Discuss how a writer creates distinct voices within the same scene to add realism.
- **Extension Idea:** Students write an additional quote for each family member reacting to the clean-up, keeping the same tone and voice consistent.