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## Syntax and Sentence Structure

**Directions:** Read each sentence or short passage carefully. Pay close attention to the **structure** of the sentence-such as punctuation, comparisons, or clarifying phrases-that can help you understand the bolded word. Then answer the questions that follow.

1. Lena was known for her **candor**-she spoke the truth plainly, even when it wasn't what people wanted to hear.

**Which part of the sentence helps define “candor”?**

- A. “she spoke the truth plainly”
- B. “even when it wasn't what people wanted”
- C. “Lena was known for”
- D. “people wanted to hear”



**What does “candor” most likely mean?**

- A. Dishonesty
- B. Shyness
- C. Truthfulness
- D. Gossip

2. The debate became more heated when Andrew's response was not only **irrelevant**, but also insulting, having nothing to do with the topic at hand and everything to do with personal attacks.

**What part of the sentence structure provides context for “irrelevant”?**

- A. “not only... but also” contrast
- B. “nothing to do with the topic at hand”
- C. “everything to do with personal attacks”
- D. All of the above

**What does “irrelevant” most likely mean?**

- A. Off-topic or unrelated
- B. Supportive or helpful
- C. Factual and informative
- D. Polite or respectful

3. After hours of hiking, the view from the mountain was **exhilarating**; the sky stretched endlessly, the wind was crisp, and every worry seemed to vanish in that moment.

**Which part of the sentence reveals the feeling behind “exhilarating”?**

*Explain in one sentence how the description helps you figure out the meaning.*