

Extracting Deeper Meaning

Directions: Read each passage carefully. Use context clues to understand the deeper meaning of the bolded word. Then answer the question that follows. Think about **how the sentence is built, the tone, and what the author is implying.**



1. Even though she didn't say it directly, the **resentment** in her voice was clear. When her coworker got credit for the project she had led, she simply nodded and said, "Great job, again," with a tight smile.

What does "resentment" most likely mean, and what deeper emotion is the author suggesting?

- A. Jealousy; the speaker is envious of her coworker's talent
- B. Bitterness; the speaker feels unfairly treated but is hiding it
- C. Happiness; the speaker is genuinely proud
- D. Confusion; the speaker doesn't understand the situation

2. The comedian's jokes were often **facetious**, so when he made a serious statement about the environment, many people didn't realize he wasn't kidding. His usual sarcasm caused some to miss his real message.

What does "facetious" most likely mean, and what misunderstanding occurred because of it? Answer in 1-2 sentences.

3. After the scandal, the company's spokesperson issued a statement that was filled with **euphemisms**. Instead of saying "we fired three executives," he said "we've made some leadership adjustments." The truth was hard to find beneath the polished language.

What does "euphemisms" most likely mean, and how does the author feel about their use here?

- A. Honest words; the author supports the phrasing
- B. Harsh language; the author is being dramatic
- C. Mild or vague terms that soften the truth; the author seems skeptical
- D. Motivational phrases; the author admires the spokesperson's tone