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## Diction Switch

**Directions:** Read each passage. Rewrite it to match the target tone. Keep the main facts the same, but change diction, sentence structure, and connotation to control how the reader feels.

For each passage:

- Underline at least **five** words you changed.
- Write one sentence explaining which diction choices created the new tone.

1. Original (annoyed, informal tone): I cannot believe the cafeteria did this again. The line was ridiculously long, the food was kind of gross, and the staff acted like we were bothering them just by showing up. If they are going to raise prices, they should at least try to serve something decent.

Target tone: respectful and solution-focused

Your rewrite: \_\_\_\_\_

Tone explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Original (dramatic, exaggerated tone): The group project was a complete disaster. Nobody did anything on time, the presentation was doomed from the start, and I basically had to carry the entire team. Honestly, it is a miracle we did not fail in front of everyone.

Target tone: calm and objective

Your rewrite: \_\_\_\_\_

Tone explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Original (overly positive, promotional tone): This new study app is absolutely incredible and will change your life. It makes everything easy, boosts your grades instantly, and basically guarantees success if you use it every day. There is no reason anyone should study without it.

Target tone: cautious and academic

Your rewrite: \_\_\_\_\_

Tone explanation: \_\_\_\_\_