

## Editorial Lens Answer Key

1. *Evasive* means avoiding full disclosure or appearing unwilling to be direct.
2. **evasive** or **erode**. Both suggest damage to trust or credibility.
3. It suggests actively damaging or compromising accountability, not just reducing it.
4. *Contend* gives a formal, reasoned tone, suggesting argument rather than emotion.
5. **transparency**. It frames the issue of trust and information sharing.
6. Possible answer: "verbal promises" or "general statements without evidence."

### Teacher's Guide

- Skill focus: Analyzing **editorial vocabulary** to understand tone, implication, and argument.
- Time: 15 minutes; designed to fit one page.
- What to assess:
  - Accurate interpretation of words based on context.
  - Ability to connect vocabulary choices to author intent.
- Differentiation:
  - Support: Allow students to underline context clues before answering.
  - Challenge: Ask students to identify one word that could shift the tone if replaced.
- Engagement:
  - Quick discussion: Which single word most shapes the reader's trust in the author?
- Extension:
  - Writing transfer: Students write one sentence of their own opinion using a vocabulary choice that clearly signals tone.