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## Hidden Meanings Answer Key

1. She sighed, raised an eyebrow, and crossed her arms.
2. Her tone was flat and her body language didn't match her words.
3. She may have used sarcasm to hide frustration or to be playful without sounding rude.
4. Ava's small smile helped Maya understand she was joking.
5. She could have used a calm tone and explained what needed to be fixed instead of using sarcasm.

### Teacher's Guide:

- Pre-teach vocabulary such as **sarcasm**, **tone**, and **nonverbal cue** to ensure comprehension.
- Have students **read the passage aloud twice**: once with neutral tone and once emphasizing sarcasm to show the difference.
- For differentiation, highlight or color-code **verbal vs. nonverbal** signals for visual learners.
- Extend the lesson by asking students to **write their own short dialogue** where tone or facial expressions change the meaning of the words, promoting emotional awareness and communication accuracy.