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Bias Unmasked Answer Key

1. The topic is allowing students to use personal devices in class.
2. The author is **supportive** of using personal devices in school.
3. Example biased words or phrases include **forward thinking educators**, **complain**, **most modern classrooms**, and **risk falling behind**.
4. These words make device use seem positive and necessary while making opposing views sound unreasonable.
5. Example revision: "Some teachers support the use of personal devices in class because they can provide quick access to information."

Equivalent correct responses are acceptable.

Teacher's Guide

- Review the definition of **bias** and how it differs from fact before students read.
- For differentiation, allow students to highlight opinion words directly in the passage.
- For engagement, hold a quick class vote on whether students agree with the author after identifying the bias.
- For extension, have students write a second short paragraph on the same topic from the opposite viewpoint.
- For discussion, guide students to explain how bias can shape news, school policies, and online articles.