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Bias Lens Answer Key

1. The construction of a new community sports complex.
2. Supporters of the project.
3. Critics of the project.
4. Example answers: **smart investment, safe place, positive growth.**
5. Example answers: **rushed, problems.**
6. Balanced.
7. It lists benefits like courts, trails, and teamwork.
8. It says money should be used to repair older parks and warns about traffic.
9. Example answer: The passage is balanced because it gives both positive and negative views with evidence from each side.

Teacher's Guide

- This worksheet develops **media literacy** by examining **tone, framing, and word choice** in nonfiction.
- For differentiation:
 - Provide sentence starters for struggling students such as The author sounds biased because.
 - Ask advanced students to rewrite the passage from only the supporters' perspective or only the critics' perspective.
- For engagement:
 - Have students highlight positive words in one color and negative words in another.
 - Allow short class debates where students defend one side using only passage evidence.
- For extension:
 - Connect this task to a real news article and repeat the bias analysis.
 - Challenge students to write their own short balanced article about a school issue.