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## Witness Words

**Directions:** Read the eyewitness-style paragraph below. **Underline** any words or phrases that show **bias**, **fear**, or **exaggeration** instead of fair reporting.

### Eyewitness Paragraph (adapted fictional narrative):

*"I saw Goody Parker walking near the forest last night, and everyone knows only suspicious people go there after dark. Her eyes glowed like burning coals, and she whispered strange words that no good Christian would ever speak. I am certain she brings trouble wherever she steps, and the village would be safer if she were gone."*

### Questions:

1. Why do you think these underlined words show bias or exaggeration?

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2. How could this witness report be rewritten to sound more fair and factual?

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