**Word Meanings: Making slanted words more neutral**

Study these sentences and decide on a better word or phrase that a careful, objective journalist would be more likely to use. Then briefly explain why you’d make the switch.

1. The city was discussing sheltering illegal aliens. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. The rally speaker was a nationally known civil rights activist. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. The content of the paper she handed in was sloppy. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. The superintendent has to guess how much it would cost. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. Getting a driver’s license took a long time while a bureaucrat shuffled the paperwork.

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1. She was an elitist when it came to literary criticism. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Her benefits were slashed. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. He is quite a jock, playing four different varsity sports. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. She is a leader known to be stubborn. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. The valedictorian often is a geek. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Word Meanings KEY:

1. undocumented immigrant
2. leader
3. disorganized
4. estimate
5. public servant/government employee
6. expert
7. reduced
8. an athlete
9. stick to her position
10. serious student (other options?)