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Contradiction:

When an author says two things that cannot both be true

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Misleading Statement:

When an author says something that leads you to believe something that isn’t true

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Directions: Label the following sentences E for exaggeration, M for misleading, or C for contradiction.

1. _______ Everybody should donate money to charity except those who can’t afford it.
2. _______ Let’s be best friends forever.
3. _______ I lost 75lbs on this diet and so can you!
4. _______ Sarah never stops talking.
5. _______ I’m a vegetarian, but I occasionally eat chicken.
6. _______ Everybody knows that.
7. _______ These new Nike shoes will help you run faster than you could before.
8. _______ I love him and I hate him.
9. _______ I had a ton of chores to do.
10. _______ Redbull gives you wings.
11. _______ Our house cost a bazillion dollars.
12. _______ Someone has a crush on you. Click here to see who it is.
13. _______ With this special binder you will keep your papers organized.
14. _______ I’ve told you a million times to stop doing that!
15. _______ The restaurant opens at 5:00pm and serves dinner between 4:00-8:00pm.
16. _______ It only takes me two seconds to get to school.
17. _______ I’m not saying that everybody should eat vegetables, but vegetables have important vitamins and nutrients, so I think people should eat vegetables to be healthy.