

Set 1: thank, togeth, hope, trust, promis, futur, elect, opportun

Set 2: sir, minut, pleas, respond, goe, sorri, ask, statement

Set 3: mistak, serious, tri, wrong, mayb, charact, seem, disagree

Set 4: tax, incom, class, middl, relief, pay, rais, corpor

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AL GORE I got some of the details wrong last week in some of the examples that I used, Jim, and Im sorry about that. And Im going to try to do better. One of the reasons I regret it is that getting a detail wrong interfered several times with the point that I was trying to make. However many days that young girl in Florida stood in her classroom, however long, even if it was only one day, doesnt change the fact that there are a lot of overcrowded classrooms in America and we need to do something about that. There are seniors who pay more for their prescriptions than a lot of other people, more than their pets, sometimes. More sometimes than people in foreign countries. And we need to do something about that. Not with the measure that leaves the majority of them without any real basic help until the next presidents term of four years is over. But right away. And that means doing it under the Medicare program. I cant promise that I will never get another detail wrong. I can promise you that I will try not to, and hard. But I will promise you this with all the confidence in my heart and in the world, that I will do my best if Im elected president, Ill work my heart out to get the big things right for the American people.

MODERATOR Does that resolve the issue, Governor?

GEORGE W. BUSH Thats going to be up to the people, isnt it?

MODERATOR Does it resolve it for you?

GEORGE W. BUSH Depends on what he says in the future in the campaign.

MODERATOR Your folks are saying some awful things.

GEORGE W. BUSH I hope theyre not awful things. I think they may be using the mans own words.

MODERATOR Well, what I mean is calling him a serial exaggerator —

GEORGE W. BUSH I dont believe Ive used those words.

MODERATOR No, but your campaign ads.

GEORGE W. BUSH Maybe they have.

MODERATOR And your campaign officials have. And your campaign officials, Mr. Vice President, are now calling the governor a bumbler.

GEORGE W. BUSH Wait a minute. (LAUGHTER)

MODERATOR I mean, my point is, should this — is this —

AL GORE I dont use language like that and I dont think that we should.

MODERATOR Its in your commercial.

AL GORE I understand. The — I havent seen that, in my commercials?

GEORGE W. BUSH You havent seen the commercial?

MODERATOR Your —

AL GORE I think that what — I think the point of that is that anybody would have a hard time trying to make a tax cut plan that is so large, that would put us into such big deficits, that gives almost half the benefits to the wealthiest of the wealthy. I think anybody would have a hard time explaining that clearly in a way that makes sense to the average person.

GEORGE W. BUSH Thats the kind of exaggeration I was just talking about. (LAUGHTER)

AL GORE Well, I wasnt the one having trouble explaining it.