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# Worksheet: “Digging Beneath the Surface – Identifying Assumptions”

## Section A: Definitions & Examples

**Instructions:** Define the following terms in your own words. Then provide an example of each from academic writing or news media.

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| **Term** | **Your Definition** | **Example Statement** | **Assumptions Present** |
| Explicit Assumption |  | “Homework improves learning.” |  |
| Implicit Assumption |  | “Online classes are more inclusive.” |  |

## Section B: Assumption Spotting

**Instructions:** Read the statement below. Identify at least one implicit or explicit assumption, then revise it to add nuance or acknowledge alternatives. Use the Chart model above.

“Private schools produce better results than public schools.”

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| Assumption: |  |
| Revised version: |  |