



ANSWERS

1. Understatement is a literary device in which a writer intentionally uses words that suggest a situation is less important than it actually is.
2. It is appropriate to use understatement in situations where you want to create irony or comedy, or when you are trying to be modest or polite. Understatement can be used in literature, pop culture, and everyday life.
3. Understatement is not appropriate in situations which are very serious and which require literal truth. For example, you should not use understatement when speaking about health matters.