

Tone (advanced)

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Tone

Tone refers to the author's attitude towards a subject, character, or audience in a piece of writing. Think of it as the author's voice and the way they express themselves.

Tone can be formal or informal or even playful

Tone can be emotional for example, cheerful, serious or sarcastic

Tone can be purposeful as authors choose their tone intentionally to convey a specific message

Tone is not the same as mood

Tone reflects the author's attitude whereas mood describes how the reader feels while reading the work. For example, a horror story may have a dark tone that creates a creepy mood.

Read through the words describing tone and the explanations.

Word	Definition
Melancholic	A feeling of pensive sadness, typically with no obvious cause
Euphoric	Characterized by or feeling intense excitement and happiness
Suspenseful	Causing excitement or anticipation about an uncertain outcome
Nostalgic	A sentimental longing or wistful affection for the past
Gloomy	Dark or poorly lit, especially to create an atmosphere of depression or desolation
Whimsical	Playfully quaint or fanciful, especially in an appealing and amusing way
Foreboding	A feeling that something bad will happen
Somber	Dark or dull in color or tone; gloomy
Tense	Making one feel strained or uneasy; causing stress or anxiety
Optimistic	Hopeful and confident about the future

Write down the tone the author used for these sentences.

Dude, we're about to journey into the unknown and I'm all for it.

Eager

Honestly, this adventure better be worth it because I'm missing a party for this.

I've got my snacks, my playlist, and my best buds - this adventure is gonna be lit!

This adventure seems kinda sketch, but hey, YOLO, am I right?

I can't believe we're actually doing this, it's like something out of a movie!

Select the correct answer

What is the tone of a piece of literature?

- ☐ The author's attitude toward the subject ☐ The main theme of the story

Which of the following best describes a sarcastic tone?

- ☐ Mocking and ironic ☐ Sincere and genuine

How can an author convey a tone of suspense?

- ☐ By using short, choppy sentences ☐ By using long, descriptive paragraphs

What effect can the tone of a story have on the reader?

- ☐ It can influence the reader's mood and emotional response ☐ It has no effect on the reader

Which of the following best describes a melancholic tone?

- ☐ Joyful and uplifting ☐ Sad and reflective

Can the tone of a story change throughout the narrative?

- ☐ Yes, it can shift to reflect the development of the story ☐ No, it remains consistent

How can word choice contribute to the tone of a story?

- ☐ By being irrelevant to the tone ☐ By evoking specific emotions and connotations

What is the relationship between tone and mood in literature?

- ☐ Tone is the author's attitude, while mood is the reader's emotional response
- ☐ Tone and mood are the same thing

Write a short text using three different literary tones: sarcastic, serious, and humorous.
