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Tone: The writer's or speaker's/narrator's attitude toward the subject, the audience, or a character

Mood: The feeling created in the reader; the atmosphere of a piece

Both tone and mood involve emotions. The *tone* is established by the *author* (through word choice). The reader controls the *mood* because it is about the emotions experienced when reading the text.

Positive	Neutral	Negative
admiring amazed amused awed benevolent benign candid cheerful comforting compassionate complimentary concerned delighted ecstatic excited forgiving giddy humorous impressed lighthearted optimistic peaceful playful respectful	authoritative clinical confident detached dramatic factual formal impartial ironic matter-of-fact neutral nostalgic objective outspoken restrained sentimental solemn straightforward surprised	angry argumentative arrogant biased biting blasphemous childish condescending confused disdainful disrespectful fearful frivolous grim indignant irreverent melancholy moralistic mournful outraged patronizing pessimistic sarcastic scornful



sincere sympathetic sweet		self-pitying somber threatening
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