

# 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.

Excuse me, but I have a question for you. Do you have a good time at a party for this?  
I can't believe we're finally doing this, it's like something out of a movie!  
Eager

**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.**

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