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Tone Takes Over Answer Key

1. Maya dominates the scene through assertive, directive language.
2. Her phrases like “we need to decide” and “someone has to lead” show authority.
3. Jonas supports her briefly, while Lila resists but eventually concedes.
4. The exchange reveals tension between leadership and creativity, showing how tone can establish control in dialogue.

Teacher’s Guide:

- **Skill Focus:** Teaches students to identify **voice dominance** through tone, phrasing, and character reactions.
- **Before Reading:** Review how dialogue can show power, not just through what is said, but how others respond.
- **During Reading:** Have students read the scene aloud in small groups, experimenting with who takes charge through delivery.
- **After Reading:** Discuss what makes a voice feel “strong” in dialogue: commanding tone, emotional weight, or persistence.
- **Extension Idea:** Students rewrite the same scene but shift dominance to a different character to explore how tone changes group dynamics.