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Emotion vs. Mood Sorting

What's the Difference?

- **Emotion** = The *character's* specific feeling (e.g., nervous, joyful, embarrassed).
- **Mood** = The *atmosphere* or *feeling* of the whole scene (e.g., tense, peaceful, eerie), created through setting, tone, and imagery.



Instructions: For each Case File below:

1. Read the short scene. Identify and write down the **main emotion of the character**.
2. Identify and write down the **overall mood of the scene**.
3. Bonus Challenge: Explain what **words, images, or clues** helped you decide.

A. Case File 1 - Sasha's hands trembled as she reached for the door handle. A low creak echoed down the empty hallway. The lights flickered overhead, and the cold air prickled her skin.

Character's Emotion	Scene's Mood	Clue Words

B. Case File 2 - The sun spilled across the picnic blanket, and birds chirped lazily in the trees. Jamal leaned back, laughing at something his sister said, brushing a blade of grass from his shirt.

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C. Case File 3 - Rain tapped against the window as Riley stared at her untouched dinner. Her shoulders slumped, and she sighed softly, wiping her eyes with her sleeve.

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