

## Tone Adjust Rewrites Answer Key

### Sample Responses

**Formal (Using despite):** The robotics club's demonstration was a success **despite** the robot's battery nearly dying and several coding errors during the show. The audience applauded their effort and creativity.

**Conversational (Using in spite of):** The robotics club's demo turned out great **in spite of** the battery almost dying and the team making a few coding mistakes. Everyone cheered for their effort and creativity.

### Teacher's Guide

- **Skill Focus:** Helps students understand how tone shifts when choosing between **despite** (formal) and **in spite of** (conversational).
- **Differentiation Tips:**
  - For developing writers, provide a tone word bank (formal vs. casual) to guide vocabulary choices.
  - Have advanced students add more sentence variety or transitional phrases to improve flow.
- **Engagement Ideas:**
  - Let students share both versions aloud and vote on which tone fits different audiences (e.g., a news article vs. a friend's blog).
  - Encourage small groups to create their own short passages for classmates to "double rewrite."
- **Extension Activities:**
  - Challenge students to write one new paragraph that naturally shifts from formal to conversational tone.
  - Ask them to explain why tone matters for audience and purpose in both academic and creative writing.