

Tone Reframe Answer Key

Accept varied wording if the tone shift is clear and appropriate.

1. The results remain unclear and may lead to complications in the future.
2. This method suggests that the treatment may be effective across patient groups.
3. The evidence demonstrates that the policy was ineffective.
4. The author's analysis contains several significant errors.
5. The reviewer gives limited attention to important counterarguments.
6. The proposal presents several ideas that warrant closer scrutiny.
7. The company's response failed to meet expected standards of responsibility.
8. Numerous experts argue that this theory offers limited explanatory power.

Teacher's Guide

- Skill focus: Revising vocabulary to control **tone** without altering meaning.
- Time: 10 to 15 minutes; fits one page.
- What to assess:
 - Precision of word choice.
 - Alignment between the requested tone and the revision.
- Differentiation:
 - Support: Provide a short tone word bank such as cautious, assertive, neutral, critical.
 - Challenge: Require students to label which words specifically caused the tone shift.
- Engagement:
 - Pair swap: Students exchange rewrites and identify the strongest tone change.
- Extension:
 - Writing transfer: Students revise two sentences from an essay draft to shift tone for a different audience, then explain the changes.