

Name _____

Tone Sort Grid Answer Key

Positive: bright, hopeful, calm, joyful, polite, delighted, gentle

Negative: irritated, furious, gloomy, tense, frustrated

Neutral: unsure, steady, dull

Teacher's Guide

- Review what tone words express and how they help readers understand a narrator's **voice** and emotional stance.
- Explain that tone words show attitude, not actions. For example, frustrated sounds different from calm because of emotional meaning.
- **Differentiation tips:**
 - Provide a short definition list for students who need vocabulary support.
 - Let students discuss each word aloud before sorting to build confidence.
 - Offer sentence examples for challenging words.
- **Engagement ideas:**
 - Turn sorting into a partner race where students categorize words quickly but accurately.
 - Have students act out tone words and let classmates guess the category.
- **Extension ideas:**
 - Ask students to write a short sentence using one word from each category.
 - Challenge students to create two new tone words for each category and share with the class.