Tone Predictor Answer Key

1. Mysterious
2. Excited
3. Calm
4. Worried
5. Silly

6. Calm or Mysterious (accept either if justified)
7. Excited
8. Mysterious
9. Worried
10. Silly

Teacher's Guide

- Remind students that tone is revealed through **pacing**, **word choice**, and **imagery**, even in very short openings.
- Encourage students to underline tone clues such as eerie details for mysterious or playful actions for silly.
- **Differentiation tips:**
  - Provide tone definitions or sample sentences for students who need extra support.
  - Allow partnered discussion before predicting tone.
  - Have struggling readers listen to you read the openings aloud with expressive voice cues.
- **Engagement ideas:**
  - Turn the activity into a quick warm-up where students vote on tones by raising hands.
  - Let students rewrite one opening sentence in a different tone to show how small changes matter.
- **Extension ideas:**
  - Ask students to write two sentence openings that match one of the tones used.
  - Challenge advanced students to write an opening that intentionally misleads the reader about the tone, then explain how.

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