

Neutral To Colorful Answer Key

Answers will vary. A correct response should show:

- Clear, intentional tone through **specific word choice**, **sentence length**, and **narrator attitude**.
- Sarcastic tone should use exaggerated praise or humorous criticism.
- Anxious tone should include uncertainty, worry, or hyper-awareness of details.
- Cheerful tone should sound upbeat, lively, and positive.
- Ominous tone should hint at danger or unease through darker imagery.
- Disappointed tone should show letdown, lowered expectations, or dissatisfaction.

Each paragraph must stay based on the original situation but shift the voice noticeably.

Teacher's Guide

- Introduce tone by showing how small word changes can shift a narrator's **voice** dramatically.
- Encourage students to underline **tone markers** in their own writing, such as negative adjectives for ominous or bright verbs for cheerful.
- **Differentiation tips:**
 - Offer oral modeling examples before independent work.
 - Allow students to practice with shorter sentences before rewriting full paragraphs.
- **Engagement ideas:**
 - Let students read their tone versions aloud and have classmates guess which tone they intended.
 - Turn the task into a group challenge where each group is assigned one tone to revise together.