

Tone Transformer Answer Key

Sample Formal Rewrite

Yesterday, the student council **devised** a plan to **organize** a recycling program at school. They wanted to **determine** how many students were willing to help and **distribute** flyers during lunch. The principal agreed to **review** their proposal and **identify** any needed changes. If everything goes well, the program will **begin** next month and help the school **reduce** waste.

Teacher's Guide

- **Skill Focus:** Understanding how **phrasal verbs** affect tone and **formality** in writing; strengthening vocabulary flexibility.
- **Grade Range:** Best for Grades 7-12 (easily simplified or extended).

Teaching Tips:

- Start with a quick mini-lesson: explain that **phrasal verbs** are common in **casual speech**, while **single verbs** are often preferred in **formal writing**.
- Have students **highlight** all the phrasal verbs first before rewriting.
- Emphasize audience awareness: informal tone for conversations, formal tone for essays or reports.

Extension Ideas:

- Ask students to **transform short texts** (emails, diary entries, or news reports) by adjusting tone through verb choice.
- Hold a "**Tone Swap Challenge**" - groups rewrite famous quotes using phrasal verbs or formal verbs for fun comparison.
- Encourage learners to build a **personal vocabulary list** pairing formal verbs with their informal phrasal equivalents (e.g., "investigate = look into").