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Expressive Reading Drill Answer Key

1. Happy - Relief and satisfaction sound natural after waiting.
2. Happy - The discovery of the kitten feels joyful and gentle.
3. Surprised - The sudden blackout fits a startled, energetic tone.
4. Happy - Excitement and anticipation make the line sound upbeat.
5. Serious - A calm, thoughtful tone matches the careful action of reading.
6. Surprised - Wonder and amazement best fit the speaker's reaction.
7. Happy - A warm, pleased tone reflects the teacher's quiet joy.
8. Surprised - A lively, dramatic tone matches the intensity of thunder.
9. Serious - Determined focus and concentration sound most natural here.
10. Serious - A calm, reflective tone fits the stillness of midnight.

Teacher Notes / Guide

- **Objective:** To develop students' **tone fluency**: the ability to change voice expression naturally based on emotion, improving oral reading and comprehension.
- **Implementation Tips:**
 - Model one example: read "The bus finally arrived at the stop" in all three tones. Ask students which version was most effective.
 - Encourage exaggerated tone during first practice; students often underuse emotion at first.
 - Use mirrors or audio recordings so students can **see and hear** their expression differences.
- **Differentiation Ideas:**
 - For younger readers, use simpler sentences with clear emotion clues (e.g., "The puppy wagged its tail.").
 - For advanced students, add emotions like **angry, nervous, or confused** for tonal contrast.
- **Extension Activity:** Have students choose two of their favorite sentences and perform them in all three tones for the class. Discuss how **tone changes meaning** and audience reaction.
- **Assessment Tip:** Look for students' control of **voice variation, pacing, and phrasing**. Fluent readers will shift tone smoothly while keeping accuracy intact.