

## Emotion In Shadows Answer Key

Sample emotional interpretations for teachers. Student scenes will vary widely.

1. Waiting outside a classroom: The implied emotion may be worry, anticipation, or dread.
2. Looking at old photos: The implied emotion may be sadness, nostalgia, regret, or longing.
3. At the race starting line: The implied emotion may be excitement, determination, or nervousness.
4. Knocking after a disagreement: The implied emotion may be guilt, hesitation, or hopefulness.
5. Stepping onto a stage: The implied emotion may be surprise, anxiety, or exhilaration.

### Teacher's Guide

- This worksheet builds students' ability to write **implicit emotion**, a key skill in advanced show, don't tell writing.
- Encourage students to focus on **actions, body language, environmental responses, pacing, and sensory detail** rather than internal labels.
- Remind them that implied emotion becomes stronger when readers must infer meaning from clues.

### Engagement Ideas

- Challenge the class to identify emotions based solely on one-sentence excerpts from students' scenes.
- Use a "mystery emotion" warm-up where students infer feelings from short examples.

### Extension Ideas

- Challenge students to layer conflicting emotions in the same moment and reveal both through subtle cues.
- Have students convert their implicit emotion scene into an explicitly told version, then compare impact and discuss effectiveness.