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Synonym Tone Shift Answer Key

Student responses will vary. The key below shows **sample strong revisions**.

Sample Humorous Version: The student shuffled into the classroom late and peeked around like a cartoon character. The teacher froze mid sentence and locked eyes on the student. The class snapped into sudden silence. The student scooted to their desk and collapsed into the seat.

Sample Formal Version: The student entered the classroom late and carefully surveyed the room. The teacher paused the lesson and observed the student. The class became completely silent. The student proceeded to the seat and sat down.

Sample Suspenseful Version: The student slipped into the classroom late and slowly scanned the room. The teacher stopped speaking and fixed an unblinking stare on the student. The class fell into an uneasy silence. The student crept toward the seat and lowered into the chair.

Teacher's Guide

- This worksheet teaches how **synonym choice directly controls tone** in writing.
- For differentiation:
 - Provide synonym banks labeled humorous, formal, and suspenseful.
 - Allow advanced students to attempt a fourth tone of their own choice.
- For engagement:
 - Have volunteers read their versions aloud and let classmates identify the tone.
 - Turn this into a small group challenge where each group tackles one tone.
- For extension:
 - Ask students to revise a paragraph from their own writing using two different tones.
 - Challenge students to highlight every synonym they upgraded and explain its effect.