

Reading for Tone and Mood

Tone is the writer's attitude toward the subject matter or audience. Tone is expressed through the words and details (imagery) the writer selects. To determine the author's tone, you must notice how these words and details are used within the writing. **Mood** is the general atmosphere created by the author's words. It is the feeling the reader gets from reading those words and details. Your reaction/feeling about the text may be the same all throughout your reading, or it may change from situation to situation. Examples of moods: joyful, sad, angry, confused, happy, anxious, lonely, suspicious, frightened, disgusted, energized, proud, etc.

As you read the short story for the second time, list specific words and images you find significant and identify what these words and images reflect about *tone* or *mood*.

Words & Images (cite examples from the text)	Tone (author's attitude)	Mood (how the writing makes you feel)