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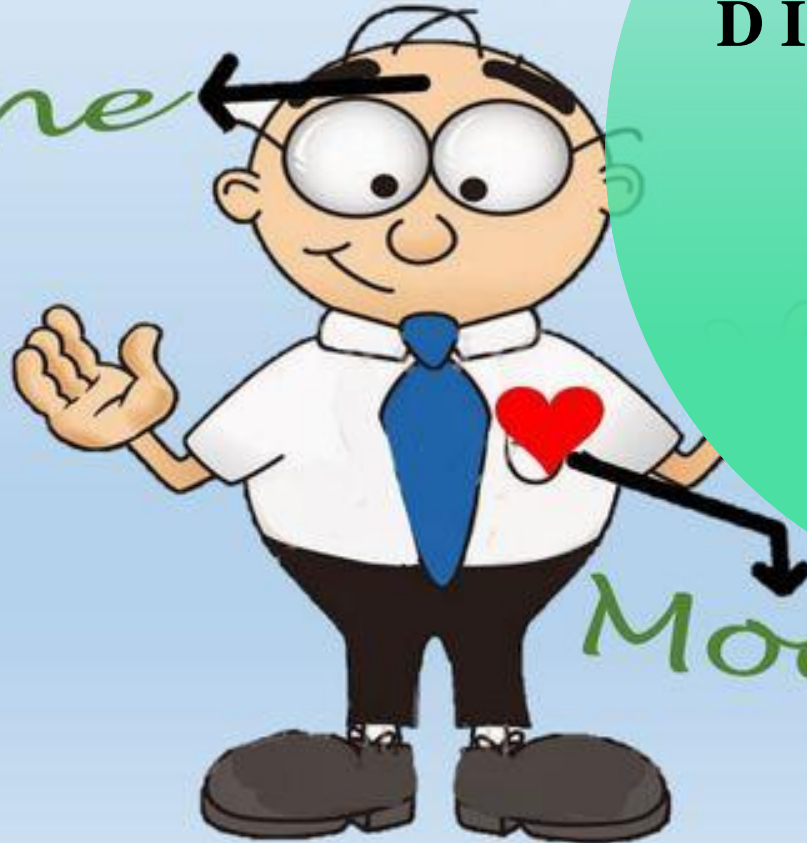
Tone

Mood

HOW TO DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN BOTH?

- **Tone** tells us how the author thinks about his or her subject. The author's style conveys the tone. Tone is the author's attitude toward story and readers..

- **Mood** is the effect of the writer's words on the reader. Mood is how the author's words make us feel.
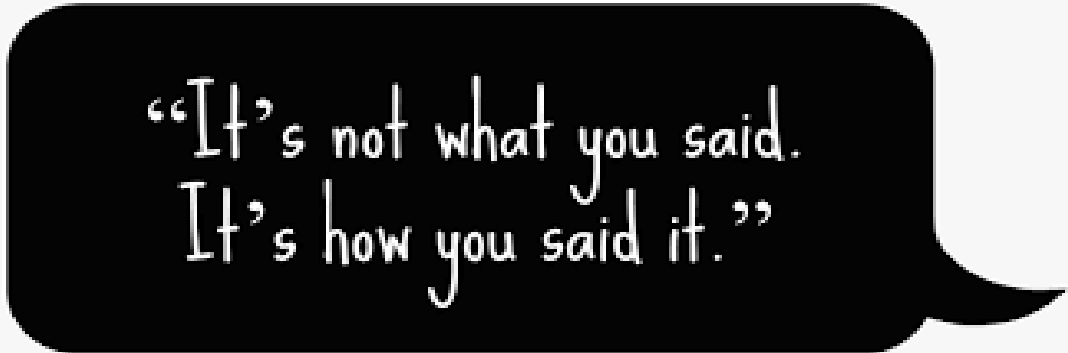
Tone

Tone is the author's word choice that shows the author's attitude toward the subject. Is there a neutral, negative, positive connotation?

Mood

Mood is the emotional feelings a writing makes the reader feel. The "atmosphere."

# Identifying the mood and tone helps the reader understand and analyze the meaning of the text

## Tone must be inferred

- You can identify the tone/attitude by the language/word choices the author uses.

- His language will reveal his perspective/opinion (that is, whether it is positive/negative/ neutral) about the subject.

"It's not what you said. It's how you said it."

# DESCRIPTIVE EXAMPLES FOR THE TONE:

Compassionate     Serious     Sarcastic     Optimistic     Pessimistic     Relaxed
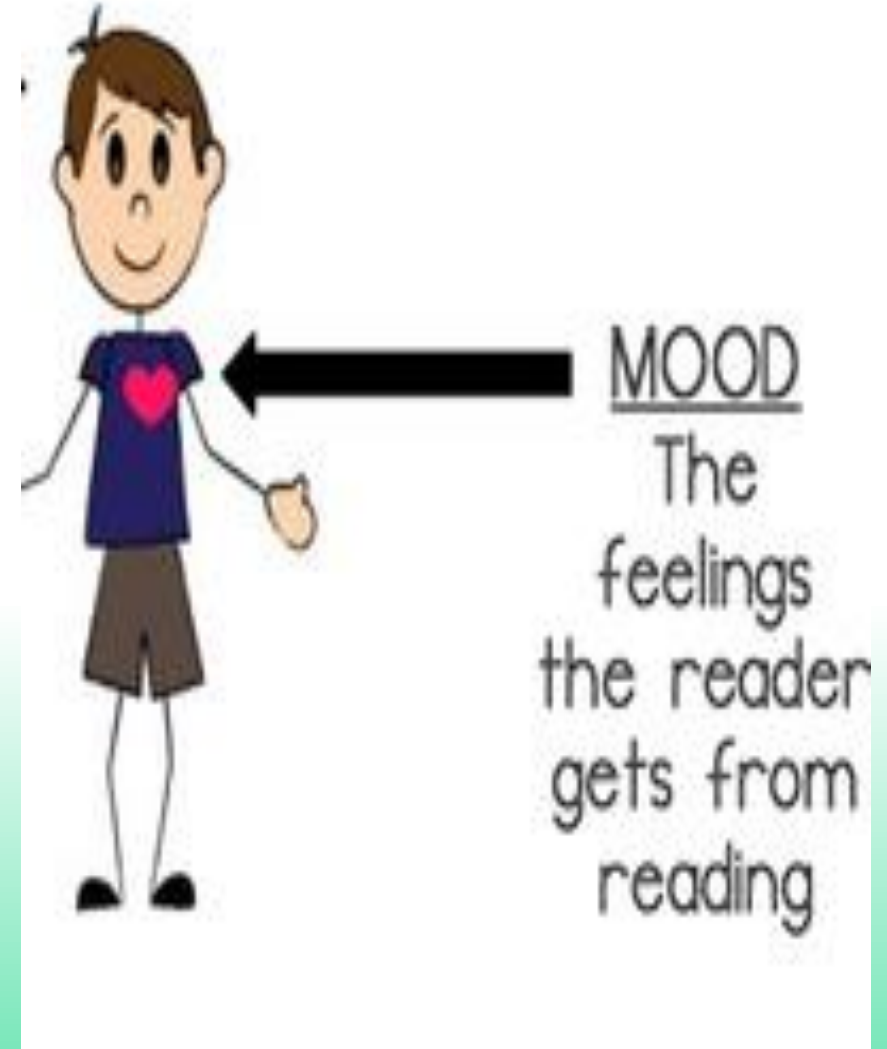
Alarming

Mood is the overall atmosphere of a piece of writing. It is how the passage made you feel. (Emotional Effect)

How to identify the mood?

It is created through the setting, characters and their actions

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MOOD
The feelings the reader gets from reading

Mysterious

Gloomy

Joyful

# TONE & MOOD

**Author's attitude about the topic**

**How the text makes the reader feel**

Hopeful
Joyful
Proud
Indifferent
Casual
Formal
Angry
Embarrassed

Amused
Peaceful
Excited
Joyous
Terrified
Stressed
Gloomy
Agitated

**Factors that contribute to TONE:**

Word choice
Sentence length
Sentence structure