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Tone Worksheet

Author's Attitude



Directions: The author's *tone* is how the he or she feels about his or her subject.

Some words to describe an author's tone:

arrogant, confused, excited, hopeful, jealous, loving, mocking, relaxed, worried

1. What's the rush? Everybody acts like life is some kind of race. I'm not in a hurry though. I'm comfortable right here. Take in some sights with me. Enjoy the ride.

Which tone word best describes the speaker's tone? relaxed

Why do you believe this? (Use the text)

The speaker says that he's not in a hurry and that he is comfortable.

2. We have to create less waste. There is too much disposable plastic piling on our lands and seas. The world is at risk. We have to do something. We have to do more.

Which tone word best describes the speaker's tone? worried

Why do you believe this? (Use the text)

The speaker is concerned about piles of plastic and risk to the world.

3. Hi. My name's Jackie. My twin sister is Janie. Everybody loves Janie because she's perfect. She gets straight As and doesn't even work hard. Meanwhile, I work until I collapse every night just to get Cs. I'm so sick of Janie.

Which tone word best describes the speaker's tone? jealous

Why do you believe this? (Use the text)

The speaker thinks it's easy for Janie to do stuff and is talking bad about her.

4. I, your royal king, his highness for there is no higher, honor you peasants. I honor you by being your king, for you are lucky to serve me. You are welcome, peasants.

Which tone word best describes the speaker's tone? arrogant/mocking

Why do you believe this? (Use the text)

The king thinks very highly of himself and not very much of his subjects.