

Tone vs. Mood Venn Diagram

Tone

- Tone is the attitude that an author takes toward the audience, the subject, or the character.
- Tone is conveyed through the author's words and details.
- Use context clues to help determine the tone.
- Author sets the tone through words.
- Possible tones are as numerous as the number of possible emotions a human being can have.

Similarities

- Conveyed by an emotion or emotions through words
- The way a reader feels about a piece (the reader's mood) can be determined through facial expressions, gestures and in the **tone** (the way the author expresses his/her feelings throughout the piece) of voice used.

Mood

- Emotions that you (the reader) feel while you are reading a piece.
- Some pieces of literature make you feel sad, angry or happy.
- Often, a writer creates the mood at the beginning of a piece and then carries that same mood throughout the whole piece.
 - **SOMETIMES the mood will change as characters or plot changes.**