

Tone Activity:

The following are some words that describe tone (an author's attitude). Using the scrambled list of sentences, determine which sentences fit which tones. Write the number down next to the sentence. You will then act out each in your groups.

1. **accusatory**-charging of wrong doing
2. **apathetic**-indifferent due to lack of energy or concern
3. **awe**-solemn wonder
4. **bitter**-exhibiting strong animosity as a result of pain or grief
5. **cynical**-questions the basic sincerity and goodness of people
6. **condescension**; condescending-a feeling of superiority
7. **conventional**; lacking spontaneity, originality, and individuality
8. **contemplative**-studying, thinking, reflecting on an issue
9. **critical**-finding fault
10. **caustic**-intense use of sarcasm; stinging, biting
11. **earnest**-intense, a sincere state of mind
12. **forthright**-directly frank without hesitation
13. **gloomy**-darkness, sadness, rejection
14. **haughty**-proud and vain to the point of arrogance
15. **indignant**-marked by anger aroused by injustice
16. **judgmental**-authoritative and often having critical opinions
17. **jovial**-happy
18. **matter-of-fact**--accepting of conditions; not fanciful or emotional
19. **mocking**-treating with contempt or ridicule
20. **malicious**-purposely hurtful
21. **objective**-an unbiased view-able to leave personal judgments aside
22. **optimistic**-hopeful, cheerful
23. **obsequious**-polite and obedient in order to gain something
24. **pessimistic**-seeing the worst side of things; no hope
25. **reverent**-treating a subject with honor and respect
26. **ridiculing**-slightly contemptuous banter; making fun of
27. **reflective**-illustrating innermost thoughts and emotions
28. **sarcastic**-sneering, caustic
29. **sincere**-without deceit or pretense; genuine
30. **solemn**-deeply earnest, tending toward sad reflection