

Tone *Intermediate Writing*

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MOOD

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b) Father: We can't go on vacation.

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Sister: I also heard it, but no one else is here.

2. Read the passage from *185 To Go* and answer the following questions.

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But an overly excited Shrimpy thought he heard, "Whatever you do, let's all play with LePage!" A second later the cage door was opened, and in the following second LePage was behind a permanent bookcase, vowing never to be captured alive.

a) What is the scene's tone? (2-3 sentences)

b) Underline four words or phrases that support the tone.

c) Without hurting LePage, continue the scene using the same tone.

(10-14 sentences)

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aggressive
antagonistic
cheerful

comic
depressed
disappointment
formal

friendly
gloomy
happy
informal

likeable
mysterious
negative
optimistic

persuasive
pessimistic
positive
problematic

respectful
sad
sarcastic
serious

supporting
trusting
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b) Father: We can't go on vacation.

Son: That's just great. I knew it. **The tone is sarcastic disappointment because the son is mocking the father's words.**

c) Brother: I think I heard something on the roof.

Sister: I also heard it, but no one else is here. **The tone is mysterious because it could be either good or bad news.**

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