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Mood and Tone

Identifying Tone

DIRECTIONS: Choose the word from the box that best describes the tone of each passage. Not all words will be used.

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| a. judgmental | b. inspirational | c. indignant | d. empathetic |
| e. humble | f. urgent | g. whimsical | h. apathetic |

_____ 1. It is a mistake to think that we can leave this problem to the next generation to solve. The clock is ticking. We must act.

_____ 2. He didn't speak, but he didn't need to. Dozens of memories flashed through my mind, and each was accompanied by a pang so sharp that for a moment I thought I might double over myself as I slid my arm around his waist and helped him to hobble to the chair.

_____ 3. It was the most unbelievable thing he had ever seen. It surpassed imagining. All he could do was shake his head. How could they have done it to him!

_____ 4. She flitted here and there, lighting on a petal, and then bouncing up as though it was a trampoline—and then falling, falling, until suddenly a bumblebee zipped beneath her and she clasped onto its furry body with a grin.

_____ 5. Belief is the key. It conquers all. Belief can be medicine to the body, tonic to the mind, and salve to the soil. Simply believe, and anything is possible.

_____ 6. The meat was tough, the soup was cold, and the pie was clammy. When the waitress came by to ask how everything was, I just looked up at her and rolled my eyes. Enough said.