BEWARE!!

Tone and mood can very easily be confused!

- Tone simply refers to how the author feels towards the subject, or towards something. You will know what the author's tone is implying by the **words** he uses.

- While 'mood', refers to the feeling of the **atmosphere** the author is describing. It is what the author **makes you feel** when you read his writings. You can read a sentence, and feel sad, happy or angry.

Examples of Tone:

- I'd rather stay here and wait, than go into **that** dark room.

    – The sentence above portrays that the person is scared.

- The sun is shining brightly in the meadow; let's go out and play!

    – The sentence above illustrates that the person is happy or excited.

- I called my friend at their house, her brother said she's not home, **but I heard her voice come over the line**.

    – The sentence presents that the person is suspicious.

Examples of Mood:

- The night was dark and stormy.

    – The sentence gives you a scary 'mood' (or feeling).

- The man kicked and threw the poor cat out of his house.

    – The sentence gives you a feeling of anger, or pity towards the cat.

- There was plenty of food, and the music was playing. Everybody was having a good time.

    – The sentence gives you a mood (or feeling) of happiness and fun.