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How to Determine a Writer's Tone

Watch the video and answer the following questions:

1. What do you look at to analyze the tone of a piece of writing?
2. If you want your parents to buy you a video game system, what kind of tone would you use?
3. What kind of tone do news articles use? Why do you think they use this kind of tone?
4. What is a word's denotation?
5. What is a word's connotation?
6. Which two words given in the video have similar denotations, but different connotations?
7. To unravel the tone of a piece of writing, you must obsess over word _____.

Answers

- 1. A writer's diction (word choices)**
- 2. A positive tone**
- 3. A formal and serious tone. Newspapers do this so they sound objective. It is important for a newspaper to be impartial and seek truth.**
- 4. Denotation is a word's dictionary definition.**
- 5. An idea or feeling a word invokes.**
- 6. Frugal and cheap**
- 7. Connotations or word choices**