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Tone and Style in Narrative Writing

Voice is the way a writer's personality or style comes through in writing. It reflects the writer's purpose and audience. **Voice** can help create different **moods**, express humor or seriousness, and make writing more engaging.

Read the short narrative below. Then:

1. Identify the mood the writer creates.
2. Write examples of the writing techniques the author uses.

A Phone, a Snack, and a Big Mess

Dear readers, let me tell you about one of the most chaotic moments of my life (so far). I had just finished a phone call with my friend while munching on a sticky peanut butter sandwich, so my hands were a mess. I went to wash them in the bathroom and set my phone on the counter. Suddenly, disaster struck! As I reached for a towel, my phone slipped straight into the toilet! Panic set in immediately. My parents had just let me have a phone, and I knew I was in trouble.

Thinking quickly, I wrapped my hand in a plastic bag and fished the phone out. *Yikes!* I repeated that in my head a million times. Naturally, the phone wouldn't turn on, so I looked up solutions online. Many sources said to put the phone in rice. I shrugged and decided to try it. I scooped some rice into a bag and put the phone in. Later, I realized I had used cooked rice...oops! And that, dear readers, is how I ended up ruining my phone and receiving a serious lecture from my parents.

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2. Identify one example of first-person narration and one example of direct address to the reader.

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4. Fill in the chart to summarize.

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Tone and Style in Narrative Writing – Answer Key**1. What is the overall tone of the story?**

Humorous, playful, and relatable

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"I had just finished a phone call with my friend while munching on a sticky peanut butter sandwich"

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Direct Address Example: *"Dear readers, let me tell you about one of the most chaotic moments of my life"*

Explanation: First-person narration lets readers see events through the narrator's perspective, making the story personal. Direct address creates a conversational tone that draws the reader in.

4. Fill in the chart to summarize.

Examples of Writing Techniques	Irony: The narrator's attempt to save the phone ends up making things worse.
Funny phrases and sarcasm	"one of the most chaotic moments of my life (so far)", "oops!"
Interjections	"Yikes!"