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Learning Activity Sheet

Determining Tone and Mood through Positive and Negative Messages of a Text

A. Identify whether the given statement conveys a positive or a negative message. In the box before each item, write + if it is positive or – if it is negative.

1. “Break a leg!”
2. The skies turned gray when we lost our pet.
3. We look different but we understand each other.
4. Her personality is a gold that shines others around.
5. I regularly exercise and monitor my food intake to maintain my health.

B. Read the narrative titled *A Long-Awaited Family Reunion* by In-Bok Kim. Answer the questions that follow.

A Long-Awaited Family Reunion (An Excerpt) by In-Bok Kim

One day, when I came home from school, I was told that In-Soon had been sent away to live with the relatives of my brother-in-law in a town in central Korea. For me, a boy of 13, this came as a crushing blow. My parents had been taken away from me, and now In-Soon was gone. My older sister comforted me by telling me that as soon as things became more settled, we would be able to visit each other. In June 1950, the Korean War broke out. The war took a terrible toll on everyone. The warfare between the north and the south shattered the whole country. About one million civilians were killed in South Korea, a big loss in a country of some 20 million people at that time. Families were uprooted.

Five days before I was to appear on TV, a phone call came from the station. They told me that my sister had been located and that I should come to the studio to meet her. Unbelievable as it seemed, she had gone to the station to have her name fed into the computer.

On the way to the station, old memories flooded my mind. I began to feel confused. I only remembered a young girl of 11. Would I recognize her now? How could I know for sure that it was my sister? If she’s not, then I would have relived all the old sorrows and painful memories for nothing.

When they brought us together, In-Soon recognized me right away. But I was apprehensive and nervous. Meeting someone you loved but whom for 33 years you believed to be dead was no easy thing. Was she really In-Soon? How could I be sure? After talking for a while, we decided to visit our hometown Inch’ön, about 40 kilometers away, where my older sister lives.

Answer the following questions:

1. Is the message at the beginning of the narrative positive or negative? Why is it so?

2. What messages are conveyed in the 2nd paragraph?

3. In the line, “The war took a terrible toll on everyone,” what tone does the author show?

4. How can a speaker’s tone affect the meaning of the message?

5. What is the entire mood conveyed by the passage?
