

N2K Week 5 Lesson 4

Remember that the **TONE** of a passage *reveals the author's attitude towards a subject*.

Read the following passage by Mark Twain and answer the questions that follow.

It will probably come as a mild shock to no one that there are four hundred different kinds of mushrooms. What are mushrooms? Nothing more or less than toadstools, but why they call them toadstools is beyond me. I have yet to see a toad sitting on a stool. It seems a strange name to give an innocent mushroom, doesn't it? It was probably made up by someone who hated mushrooms and thought he could get even. But why should anyone hate mushrooms? The little fellows go about their business quietly. Once in a while one of them kills a family of twenty or thirty people, but then, what right has anyone to have a family numbering twenty or thirty people?

1. The tone of the paragraph is
 - A. sad
 - B. formal
 - C. serious
 - D. humorous

2. How does the author feel about mushrooms?
 - A. The author has a deep hatred for them.
 - B. The author is angry with families for eating them.
 - C. The author believes they are potentially dangerous and should not be sold.
 - D. The author is amused by them.