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Mood Worksheet

Directions: Read the passages and underline words and phrases that help set the mood. Write down the mood of the passage and explain your answer.

1. Nkosi looked out the window. The rain was still pouring down. He threw his soccer ball on the couch with a sigh. The thunder cracked and his phone dinged. Nkosi picked up the phone. It was a message from his cousin: *The game is cancelled because of the weather.* Nkosi didn't reply to the message. He threw the phone back on his bed and rubbed his temples. The rain pattered on the roof.

What is the mood of this paragraph? **Why do you believe this?** Explain your answer by referring to the text.

2. Brett sweated in his chair. The clock in the classroom ticked loudly. Brett looked at the test question again. He had no clue what the answer was. His teacher paced around the room. Brett felt like the teacher was circling him, specifically him, not the rest of the class. "Remember, this test determines your future," the teacher said. Brett read the choices again but they all blurred into a meaningless word soup. He could not concentrate. The clock kept ticking, and the second hand sounded like a butcher's knife slamming down on a cutting board. "Time is running out," said the teacher. Brett's heart pounded.

What is the mood of this paragraph? Why do you believe this? Explain your answer by referring to the text.

3. Katie Cat licked her lips and stared at Blue Bird, who was singing a little bird song in her cage. Cartoon noises played in the background as the children watched TV. Katie tiptoed to the edge of the kitchen counter. Blue kept singing, unaware of the creeping cat, but aware that she was protected by the metal birdcage. Katie went for it. She sprang toward the birdcage, but as she did, she slipped on some milk on the counter that the children had spilled. Katie fell off the counter and landed in the trashcan. The lid closed on the milk-covered kitty. Laughter played on the television. Blue kept whistling.

What is the mood of this paragraph? Why do you believe this? Explain your answer by referring to the text.

4. We thought the game was over. The buzzer rang and we thought that we had lost, but then the referee blew the whistle. A foul was called and now Derrick had a chance to win the game for us. He stepped up to the free-throw line. The stadium, though filled with people, was

completely silent. Everyone was still. Derrick dribbled the ball a couple times. He squared up on the line. Sweat beaded on his forehead. All eyes were on Derrick.
What is the mood of this paragraph? Why do you believe this? Explain your answer by referring to the text.

5. Johnny cut out the construction paper heart with great care. His hand moved with precision. This was not going to be an ordinary Valentine's Day card. Johnny was going to make it special. He went over the pencilled letters with his nicest pen. Classical music played in the background. Johnny made fancy cursive letters. Slowly, gently, he pasted the lace to the edges of the heart. His mom was going to love this card as much as Johnny loved her. It was almost complete. Just a few more special touches to go.
What is the mood of this paragraph? Why do you believe this? Explain your answer by referring to the text.

6. Jabu balled his English Book and threw it in the trash. He hit the bed with a crash and started crying. "I don't care anymore," screamed Jabu in between sobs. He wished that somebody would check on him, that someone would help him through this, but there was no one. He was home alone again. "What does it matter?" he screamed. Nobody responded. The house was empty. Jabu's sobs echoed.
What is the mood of this paragraph? Why do you believe this? Explain your answer by referring to the text.

7. Jackie woke to the sound of the rooster's crow. The sun was peaking over the horizon. Jackie wasted no time getting ready. She wanted to get to the field and start planting. The TV news prattled on while her wife, Annie, made coffee. Jackie was working out her strategy for today, going over the rows in her mind. She had barely taken two bites of her toast when she grabbed her boots. "I've got to get a move on it," said Jackie. Her wife rolled her eyes and gave her a kiss. The day began.
What is the mood of this paragraph? Why do you believe this? Explain your answer by referring to the text.

8. Thomas walked into the kitchen and the smell of fresh baked cookies filled his nose and lifted his heart. "Thomas? Are you home already?" asked his dad. "Yeah, dad, I've got some homework to do." He gave Thomas a big warm hug and said, "I wanted to surprise you with

some cookies." Thomas smiled and said, "You did, dad. What a great surprise." He took a bite of one and the gooey chocolate chips dissolved on his tongue.
What is the mood of this paragraph? Why do you believe this? Explain your answer by referring to the text.

9. The cold wind whipped as Arthur raced against it. This was no night for a calm ride. The horse's hooves clicked as Arthur whipped the reins. He clutched the king's message in one hand and his crossbow in the other. A wolf howled. He saw motion in the bushes ahead. Not a good sign. It could be an ambush. Arthur extended his finger over the trigger of the crossbow. More wolves howled together.
What is the mood of this paragraph? Why do you believe this? Explain your answer by referring to the text.
