Reading Tone

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| Article title | Main idea/opinion of the article | Formal or informal?  Which words show that? (evidence) | Personal or impersonal? Which words show that? | Overall mood or attitude? Which words show that? |
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Writing with Tone

Think about your views on how cell phones are used or regulated at school. Write a one-sentence statement that sums up one opinion you have of how students use cell phones in school, or how the school regulates cell phone use.

Brainstorm two or three reasons why you believe that.

Use the information above to write a paragraph on your own paper about your opinion. Your first paragraph should have a personal, informal tone.

Then, write a second paragraph, this time with an impersonal, more formal tone. What changes did you make?

Switch paragraphs with a classmate. Mark the words and phrases that show tone. At the top of each paragraph, record the words you think fit the tone.