



## Creating Mood With Words

Writers use certain words or phrases to create a certain mood.

1. Put an X before each phrase that makes you feel happy. On another sheet of paper, weave these phrases into a short story that creates a happy mood.

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| _____ a breeze rustling through the trees | _____ the crackling of a fire           |
| _____ a garbage truck banging a dumpster  | _____ a song that you love on the radio |
| _____ birds chirping                      | _____ an ice cream cone                 |
| _____ people arguing                      | _____ dropping a pot in the floor       |

2. Put an X before each phrase that makes you feel uneasy or anxious, or that something bad is about to happen. On another sheet of paper, weave these phrases into a short story that makes the reader feel tense and anxious. Let a friend read your story to see if you were able to successfully create a dark mood.

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| _____ a puppy kissing your face                | _____ sleigh bells                 |
| _____ howling wind                             | _____ a cozy blanket               |
| _____ a raspy voice whispering from the cellar | _____ dark, opaque windows         |
| _____ a creaking sound                         | _____ a cold chill in your stomach |

3. On another sheet of paper, write a story in which the mood changes. Begin with a happy mood and gradually make your story feel spooky. Then bring it back to a happy mood.