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Tone Practice Page

Directions: Read the example interview responses below and analyze their tone. As you read aloud, underline key words and phrases that contribute to the tone. In the right-hand column, record your observations about the tone of each response. One of these versions strikes the right balance of being both conversational and informative—identify which one.

Question: Why was YARID created, and what makes its mission important for refugees?		
Version 1	The organization YARID was formally established with the purpose of empowering refugees to independently address the challenges present within their communities. It was co-founded in the year 2008 by Robert Hakiza, a Congolese refugee, at the age of 25. The organization was created to facilitate connections among refugees in Uganda, enabling them to collaboratively engage in the resolution of various challenges. The overarching mission of YARID is to foster self-reliance rather than dependence upon external assistance. Additionally, YARID unites refugees and local Ugandan residents to collectively implement solutions that produce significant and measurable outcomes.	
Version 2	So, YARID kind of got started because Robert Hakiza, who was a young refugee at the time, was fed up with how other organizations weren't including refugees in the decision-making. They were like, "Hey, this isn't right—refugees should be able to help themselves," and they just went for it, even though they were pretty young. They wanted people to figure stuff out together and not just wait	

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	around for help. It's basically all about using your own skills and working with others in the community so everyone can do better.	
Version 3	YARID was founded to empower refugees to solve problems for themselves and their communities. It was started in 2008 by Robert Hakiza, a Congolese refugee, when he was 25, along with a few other young refugees. Together, they basically wanted to create a way for refugees in Uganda to connect and address the challenges they were facing after having to flee difficult situations in their home countries. And really, the mission is all about helping refugees use their own skills to become independent, so that they don't need to rely on outside support. YARID also brings refugees and local Ugandans together so the whole community can work on solutions that make a difference. It's really that community approach that sets YARID apart from other aid organizations.	

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