

TONE WORDS

animated	ambivalent	apathetic	accusatory
amused	absurd	aggressive	acerbic
angry	abstruse	assertive	aggrieved
arrogant		awestruck	admiring
admiring	assertive	ardent	acerbic
befuddled	benevolent	bitter	belligerent
compliant	cautionary	condescending	callous
cynical	colloquial	comic	confused
critical	compassionate	complaining	chatty
complex	cheerful	contemptuous	caustic
cruel	celebratory	candid	conciliatory
detached	depressed	disapproval	docile
evasive	docile	derisive	dignified
disparaging	distressed	disheartened	diplomatic
defiant	dispassionate	demeaning	excited
empathetic	egotistical	earnest	farcical
frustrated	forceful	formal	frank
fawning	flippant	faultfinding	frivolous
fuming	ghoulish	grim	gullible
gentle	hard	hard-hearted	hypercritical
humble	intense	incensed	imploring
indignant	intimate	impressionable	sulking
inane	irreverent	impassioned	informative
incredulous	indifferent	impartial	ironic
jaded	joyous	laudatory	loving
malicious	mocking	modest	macabre
mourning	mean-spirited	naive	nasty
narcissistic	nostalgic	objective	outraged
obsequious	optimistic	outspoken	placating
pompous	pragmatic	pretentious	prayerful
playful	pathetic	pessimistic	pensive
patronizing	philosophical	persuasive	reflective
resentful	reverent	resigned	regretful
righteous	reticent	reflective	restrained
sentimental	satirical	sympathetic	skeptical
scornful	scathing	subjective	self-pitying
sensationalistic	submissive	scorning	subjective
solemn	sorrowful	tragic	thoughtful
tolerant	unassuming	unbiased	uneasy
virtuous	vindictive	witty	world-weary
wretched	wonder	worried	whimsical

Tone/Attitude Words

1. accusatory-charging of wrong doing
2. apathetic-indifferent due to lack of energy or concern
3. awe-solemn wonder
4. bitter-exhibiting strong animosity as a result of pain or grief
5. cynical-questions the basic sincerity and goodness of people
6. condescension; condescending-a feeling of superiority
7. callous-unfeeling, insensitive to feelings of others
8. contemplative-studying, thinking, reflecting on an issue
9. critical-finding fault
10. choleric-hot-tempered, easily angered
11. contemptuous-showing or feeling that something is worthless or lacks respect
12. caustic-intense use of sarcasm; stinging, biting
13. conventional-lacking spontaneity, originality, and individuality
14. disdainful-scornful
15. didactic-author attempts to educate or instruct the reader
16. derisive-ridiculing, mocking
17. earnest-intense, a sincere state of mind
18. erudite-learned, polished, scholarly
19. fanciful-using the imagination
20. forthright-directly frank without hesitation
21. gloomy-darkness, sadness, rejection
22. haughty-proud and vain to the point of arrogance
23. indignant-marked by anger aroused by injustice
24. intimate-very familiar
25. judgmental-authoritative and often having critical opinions
26. jovial-happy
27. lyrical-expressing a poet's inner feelings; emotional; full of images; song-like
28. matter-of-fact--accepting of conditions; not fanciful or emotional
29. mocking-treating with contempt or ridicule
30. morose-gloomy, sullen, surly, despondent
31. malicious-purposely hurtful
32. objective-an unbiased view-able to leave personal judgments aside
33. optimistic-hopeful, cheerful
34. obsequious-polite and obedient in order to gain something
35. patronizing-air of condescension
36. pessimistic-seeing the worst side of things; no hope
37. quizzical-odd, eccentric, amusing
38. ribald-offensive in speech or gesture
39. reverent-treating a subject with honor and respect
40. ridiculing-slightly contemptuous banter; making fun of
41. reflective-illustrating innermost thoughts and emotions
42. sarcastic-sneering, caustic
43. sardonic-scornfully and bitterly sarcastic
44. satiric-ridiculing to show weakness in order to make a point, teach
45. sincere-without deceit or pretense; genuine
46. solemn-deeply earnest, tending toward sad reflection
47. sanguineous -optimistic, cheerful
48. whimsical-odd, strange, fantastic; fun