

# TONE WORDS

abstract	amused	angry	animated
admiring	assertive	ardent	archaic (old, antiquated)
amused	absurd	aggressive	acerbic (bitter or sharp)
angry	abstruse	artificial	aggrieved
animated	ambivalent	apathetic (indifferent)	accusatory
arrogant	abstract	awestruck	admiring
befuddled	benevolent	bitter	belligerent
bombastic	callous	candid	caustic
cautionary	celebratory	cheerful	choleric (hot tempered)
complex	contemplative	contemptuous	conventional
compliant	cautionary	condescending	callous
critical	compassionate	complaining	chatty
cruel	celebratory	candid	conciliatory
cynical	colloquial	comic	confused
defiant	dispassionate	demeaning	excited
demeaning	didactic	diplomatic	disparaging
derisive	detached	earnest (intense, sincere)	erudite (scholarly)
detached	depressed	disapproval	docile
disparaging	distressed	disheartened	diplomatic
empathetic	egotistical	emotional	farcical
evasive	docile	farcical	dignified
fawning	flippant	faultfinding	frivolous
frustrated	forceful	formal	frank
fuming	ghoulish	grim	gullible
gentle	hard	hard-hearted	hypercritical
haughty (proud)	informal	insipid	morose (gloomy)
humble	intense	incensed	imploring
inane	irreverent	impassioned	informative
incredulous	indifferent	impartial	ironic
indignant	intimate	impressionable	sulking
jaded	joyous	laudatory	loving

malicious	mocking	modest	macabre
mourning	mean-spirited	naive	nasty
narcissistic	nostalgic	objective	outraged
obsequious (polite)	optimistic	outspoken	placating
obtuse (not precise)	picturesque	provincial (narrow)	quizzical
patronizing	philosophical	persuasive	reflective
playful	pathetic	pessimistic	pensive (thoughtful)
pompous	pragmatic	pretentious (showy)	prayerful
resentful	reverent	resigned	regretful
righteous	reticent (unwilling)	reflective	restrained
scornful	scathing	subjective	self-pitying
sensationalistic	submissive	scorning	subjective
sentimental	satirical	sympathetic	skeptical
sincere	scornful	scathing (scornful)	reverent (respectful)
solemn (sad reflection)	sorrowful	tragic	thoughtful
tolerant	unassuming	unbiased	uneasy
virtuous	vindictive	witty	world-weary
wretched	wondering	worried	whimsical

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