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### Commonly Used Tone Words

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absurd	silly, ridiculous
amused	entertained, finding humor, expressed by a smile or laugh
angry	enraged, very mad, incensed, threatening or menacing
apathetic	lacking concern, showing little or no interest
arrogant	haughty, acting with false superiority
bitter	resentful, having strong animosity or rancor
cheerful	jovial, happy, in good spirits
comic	humorous, funny
compassionate	sympathetic, having feeling for others, showing pity, empathy
complex	complicated, having many varying characteristics
condescending	patronizing, stooping to the level of one's inferiors
critical	disapproving
cruel	causing suffering, causing pain
cynical	scornful of the motives or virtues of others, bitterly mocking
depressed	dejected, sad, unhappy, troubled
detached	uninvolved, having no interest or feelings, objective
formal	accepting rules, stiff, using textbook style, factual
gentle	considerate, kind, mild, soft
hard	unfeeling, hard-hearted, unyielding
incredulous	doubtful, disbelieving, skeptical
indignant	angry, angered by something unjust, mean, unworthy
ironic	wry, an unexpected opposite meaning in words or events
joyous	extremely happy
malicious	spiteful, desiring to harm others or to see others suffer
mocking	ridiculing, imitating
nostalgic	yearning for the past, homesick, wistful
objective	factual, uninfluenced by emotion or personal prejudice
optimistic	positive, believing in positive outcomes
outspoken	frank, candid, spoken without reserve
pathetic	pitiful, useless, wretched
pessimistic	tending to take the worst possible view of the situation
playful	fun-filled, full of good spirits, humorous, jesting
sentimental	emotional, showing special feelings for (possibly romantic)
serious	earnest, not funny
straightforward	direct, frank, honest
sympathetic	understanding
tragic	disastrous
vindictive	revengeful, spiteful, bitter, unforgiving

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