

**CHARACTERISTICS OF A SPEECH**

1. Presence of an Introduction
2. Code Switching and Code Mixing
3. Rhetorical Question Use
4. Turn Taking
5. Use of Contractions
6. Use of Informal English
7. First Person Narration
8. Presence of an Audience
9. A Conclusion
10. Coherence
11. Allusion Use
12. Presence of Quotations

**OBVIOUS STYLISTIC DEVICES IN PROSE**

|     | Technique   | Effectiveness  |
|-----|---|--|
| 1.  | Title   | Curiosity  |
| 2.  | Vivid Description   | Creation of mental pictures                                    |
| 3.  | Narration type <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First person</li> </ul>         | First-hand information / speakers own experience / credibility |
|     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Third person / Omniscient Narration</li> </ul> | Giving detailed information                                    |
| 4.  | Symbolism   | To represent   |
| 5.  | Repetition  | Emphasis   |
| 6.  | Irony   | Mock / criticize   |
| 7.  | Relatively Simple English   | Easy understanding   |
| 8.  | Relatively Short Sentences  | Emphasis   |
| 9.  | Relatively Long Sentences   | Details  |
| 10. | Relatively Short Paragraphs   | Emphasis   |
| 11. | Relatively Long Paragraphs  | Details  |

**OBVIOUS STYLISTIC DEVICES IN POETRY**

|     |                           |   |
|-----|---------------------------|---|
| 1.  | Title                     | Curiosity                               |
| 2.  | Imagery                   | Creation of mental pictures             |
| 3.  | Symbolism                 | Represent                               |
| 4.  | Irony                     | Mock / ridicule / criticize             |
| 5.  | Repetition                | Emphasis                                |
| 6.  | Run-On Lines              | Continuity / continuous flow of thought |
| 7.  | Relatively Simple English | Easy understanding                      |
| 8.  | Relatively Short Lines    | Emphasis                                |
| 9.  | Relatively Long Lines     | Details                                 |
| 10. | Relatively Short Stanzas  | Emphasis                                |
| 11. | Relatively Long Stanzas   | Details                                 |
| 12. | Hyperbole                 | Creation of humor / mock                |
| 13. | Free Verse                | Spontaneous flow of ideas / thought     |
| 14. | Rhyming Words             | Musicality                              |

## ADJECTIVES / ABSTRACT NOUNS USED TO DESCRIBE DIFFERENT EMOTIONS AND FEELINGS

### POSITIVE TONE

- Happy
- Admiration
- Supportive
- Sympathetic
- Bold
- Thankful
- Appreciative
- Adoration
- Passionate
- Compromising
- Compassionate
- Satisfaction
- Celebration
- Loving
- Concern
- Jubilant
- Jovial
- Ecstatic
- Frenzy

### NEGATIVE TONE

- Sarcastic
- Hateful
- Critical
- Scornful
- Pessimistic
- Resentment
- Disbelief
- Remorse
- Outrage
- Bitter / angry
- Disappointment
- Dismay
- Cynical
- Irritation
- Disgust
- Contemptuous
- Dislike
- Dismay
- Depression
- Satirical
- Ridiculous
- mockful

### NEUTRAL TONE

- Objective
- Truthful
- Factual
- Critical (keen)
- Realistic
- Experimental
- Observant
- Analytical

**N.B:** Neutral tone is typical of scientific and other factual writings

## WORDS COMMONLY USED TO DESCRIBE INTENTION

- To appreciate
- To credit
- To expose
- To portray
- To encourage
- To criticise
- To attack
- To satirise
- To discredit
- To empower
- To inform
- To educate
- To sensitise
- To advocate
- To show
- To ridicule
- To mock

| Tone / Feeling (Adjective) | Meaning  |
|----------------------------|--|
| Absurd                     | illogical; ridiculous; silly; implausible; foolish           |
| Accusatory                 | suggesting someone has done something wrong, complaining     |
| Aggressive                 | hostile; determined; forceful; argumentative                 |
| Amused                     | entertained; diverted; pleased                               |
| Angry                      | incensed or enraged; lively; threatening or menacing         |
| Apologetic                 | full of regret; repentant; remorseful; acknowledging failure |
| Appreciative               | grateful; thankful; showing pleasure; enthusiastic           |
| Bitter                     | angry; acrimonious; antagonistic; spiteful; nasty            |
| Callous                    | cruel disregard; unfeeling; uncaring; indifferent; ruthless  |
| Comic                      | humorous; witty; entertaining; diverting                     |
| Compassionate              | sympathetic; empathetic; warm-hearted; tolerant; kind        |

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| Contemptuous  | showing contempt; scornful; insolent; mocking                 |
| Critical      | finding fault; disapproving; scathing; criticizing            |
| Cruel         | causing pain and suffering; unkind; spiteful; severe          |
| Curious       | wanting to find out more; inquisitive; questioning            |
| Cynical       | scornful of motives / virtues of others; mocking; sneering    |
| Defensive     | defending a position; shielding; guarding; watchful           |
| Defiant       | obstinate; argumentative; defiant; contentious                |
| Detached      | aloof; objective; unfeeling; distant                          |
| Disapproving  | displeased; critical; condemnatory                            |
| Disappointed  | discourage; unhappy because something has gone wrong          |
| Earnest       | showing deep sincerity or feeling; serious                    |
| Excited       | emotionally aroused; stirred                                  |
| Frank         | honest; direct; plain; matter-of-fact                         |
| Frustrated    | annoyed; discouraged  |
| Humorous      | amusing; entertaining; playful                                |
| Imploring     | pleading; begging;  |
| Indignant     | annoyed; angry; dissatisfied                                  |
| Inspirational | encouraging; reassuring                                       |
| Joyful        | positive; optimistic; cheerful; elated                        |
| Judgmental    | critical; finding fault; disparaging                          |
| Nostalgic     | thinking about the past; wishing for something from the past  |
| Objective     | without prejudice; without discrimination; fair based on fact |
| Optimistic    | hopeful; cheerful   |
| Pensive       | reflective; introspective; philosophical; contemplative       |
| Pessimistic   | seeing the negative side of things                            |
| Pretentious   | affected; artificial; grandiose; rhetorical; flashy           |
| Regretful     | apologetic; remorseful  |
| Resentful     | aggrieved; offended; displeased; bitter                       |
| Resigned      | accepting; unhappy  |
| Satirical     | making fun to show a weakness; ridiculing; derisive           |
| Sarcastic     | scornful; mocking; ridiculing                                 |
| Scornful      | expressing contempt or derision; scathing; dismissive         |
| Sentimental   | thinking about feelings, especially when remembering the past |
| Sympathetic   | compassionate; understanding of how someone feels             |
| Thoughtful    | reflective; serious; absorbed                                 |
| Tolerant      | open minded; charitable; patient; sympathetic; lenient        |
| Vindictive    | vengeful; spiteful; bitter; unforgiving                       |
| Worried       | anxious; stressed; fearful                                    |