
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 |
