

Words to use for **TONE**

--the author's attitude towards the subject

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| sarcastic | lighthearted | playful |
| amused | humorous | negative |
| critical | respectful | angry |
| detached | optimistic | impatient |
| horrified | pessimistic | pitying |
| caring | disapproving | positive |
| self-satisfied | confident | ominous |
| daring | challenging | serious |
| bitter | objective | detached |
| formal | casual | admiring |
| sorrowful | heartless | approving |
| calm | unemotional | no-nonsense |
| useless | foolish | clinical |
| friendly | desperate | patronizing |
| hopeful | apathetic | |

Words to use for **MOOD**

--the feeling the writer creates for the reader

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| awed | admiring | calm |
| tense | peaceful | pleasant |
| frightened | depressing | thrilling |
| mysterious | fantastical | cheerful |
| lighthearted | humorous | informative |
| contented | uncertainty | discouraging |
| hopeful | horrifying | uncomfortable |
| obligatory | enthusiastic | optimistic |
| joyful | confused | relaxed |
| funny | anxious | resigned |
| awkward | agitated | excited |
| silly | guilty | lonely |
| jovial | sorrowful | serious |
| sacred | fearful | secure |
| respectful | quiet | warning |
| pitiful | angry | disgusted |
| desperate | playful | adventurous |

Tone Word List w/Definitions

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. contemptuous – showing or feeling that something is worthless or lacks respect
9. critical – finding fault
10. choleric – hot-tempered, easily angered
11. contemptuous – showing feeling that something is worthless or lacks respect
12. caustic – intense use of sarcasm; stinging, biting
13. conventional-lacking spontaneity, originality, 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 – polished, learned, 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 or 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