

Tone Words

1. accusatory-charging of wrongdoing
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. contemplative-studying, thinking, reflecting on an issue
9. critical-finding fault
10. choleric-hot-tempered, easily angered
11. contemptuous-showing or feeling that something is worthless or lacks respect
12. caustic-intense use of sarcasm; stinging, biting
13. conventional-lacking spontaneity, originality, and 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-learned, polished, 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. nostalgic-sentimental yearning for the happiness of a former place or time
33. objective-an unbiased view-able to leave personal judgments aside
34. optimistic-hopeful, cheerful
35. patronizing-air of condescension
36. poignant-emotionally moving
37. quizzical-odd, eccentric, amusing
38. reverent-treating a subject with honor and respect
39. ridiculing-slightly contemptuous banter; making fun of
40. reflective-illustrating innermost thoughts and emotions
41. sarcastic-sneering, caustic
42. sardonic-scornfully and bitterly sarcastic
43. satiric-ridiculing to show weakness in order to make a point, teach
44. sincere-without deceit or pretense; genuine
45. solemn-deeplly earnest, tending toward sad reflection
46. whimsical-odd, strange, fantastic; fun
47. zealous-full of fervent or enthusiastic devotion, often extreme or fanatical in nature