Tone Vocabulary List

Positive Tone/Attitude Words

Amiable
Amused
Appreciative
Authoritative
Benevolent
Brave
Calm
Cheerful
Cheery
Compassionate
Complimentary
Confident
Consoling
Content
Dreamy
Ecstatic
Elated
Elevated
Encouraging
Energetic
Enthusiastic
Excited
Exuberant
Fanciful
Friendly
Happy
Hopeful
Impassioned
Jovial
Joyful
Jubilant
Lighthearted
Loving
Optimistic
Passionate
Peaceful
Playful
Pleasant
Proud
Relaxed
Reverent
Romantic
Soothing
Surprised
Sweet
Sympathetic
Vibrant
Whimsical

Negative Tone/Attitude Words

Accusing
Aggravated
Agitated
Angry
Apathetic
Arrogant
Artificial
Audacious
Belligerent
Bitter
Boring
Brash
Childish
Choleric
Coarse
Cold
Condemnatory
Condescending
Contradictory
Critical
Desperate
Disappointed
Disgruntled
Disgusted
Disinterested
Facetious
Furious
Harsh
Haughty
Hateful
Hurtful
Indignant
Inflammatory
Insulting
Irritated
Manipulative
Obnoxious
Outraged
Passive
Quarrelsome
Shameful
Smooth
Snooty
Superficial
Surly
Testy
Threatening
Tired
Uninterested
Wrathful

Humor-Irony-Sarcasm Tone/Attitude Words

Amused
Bantering
Bitter
Caustic
Comical
Condescending
Contemptuous
Critical
Cynical
Disdainful
Droll
Facetious
Flippant
Giddy
Humorous
Insolent
Ironic
Irreverent
Joking
Malicious
Mock-heroic
Mocking
Mock-serious
Patronizing
Pompous
Quizzical
Ribald
Ridiculing
Sad
Sarcastic
Sardonic
Satiric
Scornful
Sharp
Silly
Taunting
Teasing
Whimsical
Wry

Sorrow-Fear-Worry Tone/Attitude Words

Aggravated
Agitated
Anxious
Apologetic
Apprehensive
Concerned
Confused
Dejected
Depressed
Despairing
Disturbed
Embarrassed
Fearful
Foreboding
Gloomy
Grave
Hollow
Hopeless
Horrific
Horror
Melancholy
Miserable
Morose
Mournful
Nervous
Numb
Ominous
Paranoid
Pessimistic
Pitiful
Poignant
Regretful
Remorseful
Resigned
Sad
Serious
Sober
Solemn
Somber
Staid
Upset

Neutral Tone/Attitude Words

Admonitory
Allusive
Apathetic
Authoritative
Baffled
Callous
Candid
Ceremonial
Clinical
Consoling
Contemplative
Conventional
Detached
Didactic
Disbelieving
Dramatic
Earnest
Expectant
Factual
Fervent
Formal
Forthright
Frivolous
Haughty
Histrionic
Humble
Incredulous
Informative
Inquisitive
Instructive
Intimae
Judgmental
Learned
Loud
Lyrical
Matter-of-fact
Meditative
Nostalgic
Objective
Obsequious
Patriotic
Persuasive
Pleading
Pretentious
Provocative
Questioning
Reflective
Reminiscent
Resigned
Restrained
Seductive
Sentimental
Serious
Shocking
Sincere
Unemotional
Urgent
Vexed
Wistful
Zealous