**Tone Words (Tone is the author’s attitude toward the topic)**

**Positive Tone**

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| Amiable Consoling | Friendly | Playful |
| Amused Content | Happy | Pleasant |
| Appreciative Dreamy | Hopeful | Proud |
| Authoritative Ecstatic | Impassioned | Relaxed |
| Benevolent Elated | Jovial | Reverent |
| Brave Elevated | Joyful | Romantic |
| Calm Encouraging | Jubilant | Soothing |
| Cheerful Energetic | Lighthearted | Surprised |
| Cheery Enthusiastic | Loving | Sweet |
| Compassionate Excited | Optimistic | Sympathetic |
| Complimentary Exuberant | Passionate | Vibrant |
| Confident Fanciful  **Negative Tone** | Peaceful | Whimsical |
| Accusing Choleric | Furious | Quarrelsome |
| Aggravated Coarse | Harsh | Shameful |
| Agitated Cold | Haughty | Smooth |
| Angry Condemnatory | Hateful | Snooty |
| Apathetic Condescending | Hurtful | Superficial |
| Arrogant Contradictory | Indignant | Surly |
| Artificial Critical | Inflammatory | Testy |
| Audacious Desperate | Insulting | Threatening |
| Belligerent Disappointed | Irritated | Tired |
| Bitter Disgruntled | Manipulative | Uninterested |
| Boring Disgusted | Obnoxious | Wrathful |
| Brash Disinterested | Outraged |  |
| Childish Facetious | Passive |  |
| **Humorous, Ironic, Sarcastic Tone** | |
| Amused Droll Mock-heroic | | Sardonic |
| Bantering Facetious Mocking | | Satiric |
| Bitter Flippant Mock-serious | | Scornful |
| Caustic Giddy Patronizing | | Sharp |
| Comical Humorous Pompous | | Silly |
| Condescending Insolent Quizzical | | Taunting |
| Contemptuous Ironic Ribald | | Teasing |
| Critical Irreverent Ridiculing | | Whimsical |
| Cynical Joking Sad | | Wry |
| Disdainful Malicious Sarcastic | |  |

**Sorrowful, Fearful, Worried Tone**

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| Aggravated Embarrassed | Morose | Resigned |
| Agitated Fearful | Mournful | Sad |
| Anxious Foreboding | Nervous | Serious |
| Apologetic Gloomy | Numb | Sober |
| Apprehensive Grave | Ominous | Solemn |
| Concerned Hollow | Paranoid | Somber |
| Confused Hopeless | Pessimistic | Staid |
| Dejected Horrific | Pitiful | Upset |
| Depressed Horror | Poignant |  |
| Despairing Melancholy | Regretful |  |
| Disturbed Miserable  **Other Descriptive Tone** **Words** | Remorseful |  |
| Admonitory Dramatic | Intimae | Questioning |
| Allusive Earnest | Judgmental | Reflective |
| Apathetic Expectant | Learned | Reminiscent |
| Authoritative Factual | Loud | Resigned |
| Baffled Fervent | Lyrical | Restrained |
| Callous Formal | Matter-of-fact | Seductive |
| Candid Forthright | Meditative | Sentimental |
| Ceremonial Frivolous | Nostalgic | Serious |
| Clinical Haughty | Objective | Shocking |
| Consoling Histrionic | Obsequious | Sincere |
| Contemplative Humble | Patriotic | Unemotional |
| Conventional Incredulous | Persuasive | Urgent |
| Detached Informative | Pleading | Vexed |
| Didactic Inquisitive | Pretentious | Wistful |
| Disbelieving Instructive | Provocative | Zealous |