Tone/Attitude Words Categorized

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| Positive |
| lightheartedconfidentamusedcomplimentaryamiablerelaxedsoothingjubilantencouragingreverent | hopefulcheeryelatedpassionatewhimsicalromanticcalm | enthusiasticelevatedexuberantoptimisticsympatheticproudfancifulappreciativeconsolingecstatic | joviallovingcompassionatefriendlypleasantbravejoyfulenergetic |
| **Negative** |
| angrywrathfulthreateningagitated | obnoxiousinsultingcholericdisgustedbitteraccusingarrogant | quarrelsomesurlyoutragedirritatedcondemnatorybelligerent | disgruntledfuriousindignantinflammatoryaggravatedbrashtesty |
| **Humor/Irony/Sarcasm** |
| scornfulbanteringdisdainfulirreverentcondescendingpompousmockingridiculingwry | sarcastictauntingcynicalinsolentpatronizingwhimsical | maliciousdrollcriticalironicfacetiousflippantmock-heroicteasingquizzical | comicalsatiricamusedsardoniccontemptuouscausticribaldirreverent |
| **Sorrow/Fear/Worry** |
| sombermournfulconcernedmorosehopelessremorseful | poignantmelancholysolemnfearfulpessimisticgravestaidominoussad | seriousdespairingsobersolemnresignedhorror | disturbedapprehensivegloomyforebodingmournfulregretful |
| **Neutral** |
| formalobjectivequestioninglearnedauthoritativedisbelievingsentimentalpretentiousapathetic | conventionaljudgmentalreflectiveceremonialcandidinstructivefactualincredulousurgentferventhistrioniccallous | forthrightlyricalsincererestrainedclinicalmatter-of-factdidacticshockednostalgicearnestresignedcontemplative | haughtyobjectivedetachedadmonitoryinformativebaffledreminiscentpatrioticmeditativeintimateobsequious |

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