

## The tone of the text / of the author

| <b>Tone</b>          | <b>Meaning</b>   |
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| <b>Absurd</b>        | illogical; ridiculous; silly; implausible; foolish                 |
| <b>Accusatory</b>    | suggesting someone has done something wrong, complaining           |
| <b>Acerbic</b>       | sharp; forthright; biting; hurtful; abrasive; severe               |
| <b>Admiring</b>      | approving; think highly of; respectful; praising                   |
| <b>Aggressive</b>    | hostile; determined; forceful; argumentative                       |
| <b>Aggrieved</b>     | indignant; annoyed; offended; disgruntled                          |
| <b>Ambivalent</b>    | having mixed feelings; uncertain; in a dilemma; undecided          |
| <b>Amused</b>        | entertained; diverted; pleased                                     |
| <b>Angry</b>         | incensed or enraged; threatening or menacing                       |
| <b>Animated</b>      | full of life or excitement; lively; spirited; impassioned; vibrant |
| <b>Apathetic</b>     | showing little interest; lacking concern; indifferent; unemotional |
| <b>Apologetic</b>    | full of regret; repentant; remorseful; acknowledging failure       |
| <b>Appreciative</b>  | grateful; thankful; showing pleasure; enthusiastic                 |
| <b>Ardent</b>        | enthusiastic; passionate   |
| <b>Arrogant</b>      | pompous; disdainful; overbearing; condescending; vain; scoffing    |
| <b>Assertive</b>     | self-confident; strong-willed; authoritative; insistent            |
| <b>Awestruck</b>     | amazed, filled with wonder/awe; reverential                        |
| <b>Belligerent</b>   | hostile; aggressive; combatant                                     |
| <b>Benevolent</b>    | sympathetic; tolerant; generous; caring; well meaning              |
| <b>Bitter</b>        | angry; acrimonious; antagonistic; spiteful; nasty                  |
| <b>Callous</b>       | cruel disregard; unfeeling; uncaring; indifferent; ruthless        |
| <b>Candid</b>        | truthful, straightforward; honest; unreserved                      |
| <b>Caustic</b>       | making biting, corrosive comments; critical                        |
| <b>Cautionary</b>    | gives warning; raises awareness; reminding                         |
| <b>Celebratory</b>   | praising; pay tribute to; glorify; honour                          |
| <b>Chatty</b>        | informal; lively; conversational; familiar                         |
| <b>Colloquial</b>    | familiar; everyday language; informal; colloquial; casual          |
| <b>Comic</b>         | humorous; witty; entertaining; diverting                           |
| <b>Compassionate</b> | sympathetic; empathetic; warm-hearted; tolerant; kind              |
| <b>Complex</b>       | having many varying characteristics; complicated                   |
| <b>Compliant</b>     | agree or obey rules; acquiescent; flexible; submissive             |
| <b>Concerned</b>     | worried; anxious; apprehensive                                     |
| <b>Conciliatory</b>  | intended to placate or pacify; appeasing                           |
| <b>Condescending</b> | stooping to the level of one's inferiors; patronising              |
| <b>Confused</b>      | unable to think clearly; bewildered; vague                         |
| <b>Contemptuous</b>  | showing contempt; scornful; insolent; mocking                      |
| <b>Critical</b>      | finding fault; disapproving; scathing; criticizing                 |
| <b>Cruel</b>         | causing pain and suffering; unkind; spiteful; severe               |
| <b>Curious</b>       | wanting to find out more; inquisitive; questioning                 |
| <b>Cynical</b>       | scornful of motives/virtues of others; mocking; sneering           |
| <b>Defensive</b>     | defending a position; shielding; guarding; watchful                |
| <b>Defiant</b>       | obstinate; argumentative; defiant; contentious                     |
| <b>Demeaning</b>     | disrespectful; undignified   |

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| <b>Depressing</b>     | sad, melancholic; discouraging; pessimistic                   |
| <b>Derisive</b>       | snide; sarcastic; mocking; dismissive; scornful               |
| <b>Detached</b>       | aloof; objective; unfeeling; distant                          |
| <b>Dignified</b>      | serious; respectful; formal; proper                           |
| <b>Diplomatic</b>     | tactful; subtle; sensitive; thoughtful                        |
| <b>Disapproving</b>   | displeased; critical; condemnatory                            |
| <b>Disheartening</b>  | discouraging; demoralising; undermining; depressing           |
| <b>Disparaging</b>    | dismissive; critical; scornful                                |
| <b>Direct</b>         | straightforward; honest                                       |
| <b>Disappointed</b>   | discouraged; unhappy because something has gone wrong         |
| <b>Dispassionate</b>  | impartial; indifferent; unsentimental; cold; unsympathetic    |
| <b>Distressing</b>    | heart-breaking; sad; troubling                                |
| <b>Docile</b>         | compliant; submissive; deferential; accommodating             |
| <b>Earnest</b>        | showing deep sincerity or feeling; serious                    |
| <b>Egotistical</b>    | self-absorbed; selfish; conceited; boastful                   |
| <b>Empathetic</b>     | understanding; kind; sensitive                                |
| <b>Encouraging</b>    | optimistic; supportive  |
| <b>Enthusiastic</b>   | excited; energetic  |
| <b>Evasive</b>        | ambiguous; cryptic; unclear                                   |
| <b>Excited</b>        | emotionally aroused; stirred                                  |
| <b>Facetious</b>      | inappropriate; flippant                                       |
| <b>Farcical</b>       | ludicrous; absurd; mocking; humorous and highly improbable    |
| <b>Flippant</b>       | superficial; glib; shallow; thoughtless; frivolous            |
| <b>Forceful</b>       | powerful; energetic; confident; assertive                     |
| <b>Formal</b>         | respectful; stilted; factual; following accepted styles/rules |
| <b>Frank</b>          | honest; direct; plain; matter-of-fact                         |
| <b>Frustrated</b>     | annoyed; discouraged  |
| <b>Gentle</b>         | kind; considerate; mild; soft                                 |
| <b>Ghoulish</b>       | delighting in the revolting or the loathsome                  |
| <b>Grim</b>           | serious; gloomy; depressing; lacking humour; macabre          |
| <b>Gullible</b>       | naïve; innocent; ignorant                                     |
| <b>Hard</b>           | unfeeling; hard-hearted; unyielding                           |
| <b>Humble</b>         | deferential; modest   |
| <b>Humorous</b>       | amusing; entertaining; playful                                |
| <b>Hypercritical</b>  | unreasonably critical; hair splitting; nitpicking             |
| <b>Impartial</b>      | unbiased; neutral; objective                                  |
| <b>Impassioned</b>    | filled with emotion; ardent                                   |
| <b>Imploring</b>      | pleading; begging   |
| <b>Impressionable</b> | trusting; child-like  |
| <b>Inane</b>          | silly; foolish; stupid; nonsensical                           |
| <b>Incensed</b>       | enraged   |
| <b>Incredulous</b>    | disbelieving; unconvinced; questioning; suspicious            |
| <b>Indignant</b>      | annoyed; angry; dissatisfied                                  |
| <b>Informative</b>    | instructive; factual; educational                             |
| <b>Inspirational</b>  | encouraging; reassuring                                       |
| <b>Intense</b>        | earnest; passionate; concentrated; deeply felt                |
| <b>Intimate</b>       | familiar; informal; confidential; confessional                |
| <b>Ironic</b>         | the opposite of what is meant                                 |
| <b>Irreverent</b>     | lacking respect for things that are generally taken seriously |
| <b>Jaded</b>          | bored; having had too much of the same thing; lack enthusiasm |

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| <b>Joyful</b>           | positive; optimistic; cheerful; elated                                |
| <b>Judgmental</b>       | critical; finding fault; disparaging                                  |
| <b>Laudatory</b>        | praising; recommending  |
| <b>Light-Hearted</b>    | carefree; relaxed; chatty; humorous                                   |
| <b>Loving</b>           | affectionate; showing intense, deep concern                           |
| <b>Macabre</b>          | gruesome; horrifying; frightening                                     |
| <b>Malicious</b>        | desiring to harm others or to see others suffer; ill-willed; spiteful |
| <b>Mean-Spirited</b>    | inconsiderate; unsympathetic  |
| <b>Mocking</b>          | scornful; ridiculing; making fun of someone                           |
| <b>Mourning</b>         | grieving; lamenting; woeful   |
| <b>Naïve</b>            | innocent; unsophisticated; immature                                   |
| <b>Narcissistic</b>     | self-admiring; selfish; boastful; self-pitying                        |
| <b>Nasty</b>            | unpleasant; unkind; disagreeable; abusive                             |
| <b>Negative</b>         | unhappy, pessimistic  |
| <b>Nostalgic</b>        | thinking about the past; wishing for something from the past          |
| <b>Objective</b>        | without prejudice; without discrimination; fair; based on fact        |
| <b>Obsequious</b>       | overly obedient and/or submissive; fawning; grovelling                |
| <b>Optimistic</b>       | hopeful; cheerful   |
| <b>Outraged</b>         | angered and resentful; furious; extremely angered                     |
| <b>Outspoken</b>        | frank; candid; spoken without reserve                                 |
| <b>Pathetic</b>         | expressing pity, sympathy, tenderness                                 |
| <b>Patronising</b>      | condescending; scornful; pompous                                      |
| <b>Pensive</b>          | reflective; introspective; philosophical; contemplative               |
| <b>Persuasive</b>       | convincing; eloquent; influential; plausible                          |
| <b>Pessimistic</b>      | seeing the negative side of things                                    |
| <b>Philosophical</b>    | theoretical; analytical; rational; logical                            |
| <b>Playful</b>          | full of fun and good spirits; humorous; jesting                       |
| <b>Pragmatic</b>        | realistic; sensible   |
| <b>Pretentious</b>      | affected; artificial; grandiose; rhetorical; flashy                   |
| <b>Regretful</b>        | apologetic; remorseful  |
| <b>Resentful</b>        | aggrieved; offended; displeased; bitter                               |
| <b>Resigned</b>         | accepting; unhappy  |
| <b>Restrained</b>       | controlled; quiet; unemotional  |
| <b>Reverent</b>         | showing deep respect and esteem                                       |
| <b>Righteous</b>        | morally right and just; guiltless; pious; god-fearing                 |
| <b>Satirical</b>        | making fun to show a weakness; ridiculing; derisive                   |
| <b>Sarcastic</b>        | scornful; mocking; ridiculing   |
| <b>Scathing</b>         | critical; stinging; unsparing; harsh                                  |
| <b>Scornful</b>         | expressing contempt or derision; scathing; dismissive                 |
| <b>Sensationalistic</b> | provocative; inaccurate; distasteful                                  |
| <b>Sentimental</b>      | thinking about feelings, especially when remembering the past         |
| <b>Sincere</b>          | honest; truthful; earnest   |
| <b>Sceptical</b>        | disbelieving; unconvinced; doubting                                   |
| <b>Solemn</b>           | not funny; in earnest; serious  |
| <b>Subjective</b>       | prejudiced; biased  |
| <b>Submissive</b>       | compliant; passive; accommodating; obedient                           |
| <b>Sulking</b>          | bad-tempered; grumpy; resentful; sullen                               |
| <b>Sympathetic</b>      | compassionate; understanding of how someone feels                     |
| <b>Thoughtful</b>       | reflective; serious; absorbed   |
| <b>Tolerant</b>         | open-minded; charitable; patient; sympathetic; lenient                |

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| <b>Tragic</b>      | disastrous; calamitous                        |
| <b>Unassuming</b>  | modest; self-effacing; restrained             |
| <b>Uneasy</b>      | worried; uncomfortable; edgy; nervous         |
| <b>Urgent</b>      | insistent; saying something must be done soon |
| <b>Vindictive</b>  | vengeful; spiteful; bitter; unforgiving       |
| <b>Virtuous</b>    | lawful; righteous; moral; upstanding          |
| <b>Whimsical</b>   | quaint; playful; mischievous; offbeat         |
| <b>Witty</b>       | clever; quick-witted; entertaining            |
| <b>Wonder</b>      | awe-struck; admiring; fascinating             |
| <b>World-Weary</b> | bored; cynical; tired                         |
| <b>Worried</b>     | anxious; stressed; fearful                    |
| <b>Wretched</b>    | miserable; despairing; sorrowful; distressed  |