

# tone = speaker's attitude

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## POSITIVE TONE WORDS

admiring  
adoring  
affectionate  
appreciative  
approving  
bemused  
benevolent  
blithe  
calm  
casual  
celebratory  
cheerful  
comforting  
comic  
compassionate  
complimentary  
conciliatory  
confident  
contented  
delightful  
earnest  
ebullient  
ecstatic  
effusive  
elated  
empathetic  
encouraging  
euphoric  
excited  
exhilarated  
expectant  
facetious  
fervent  
flippant  
forthright  
friendly  
funny  
gleeful  
gushy  
happy  
hilarious  
hopeful  
humorous  
interested  
introspective  
jovial  
joyful  
laudatory  
light  
lively  
mirthful  
modest  
nostalgic  
optimistic  
passionate  
placid  
playful  
poignant  
proud  
reassuring  
reflective  
relaxed  
respectful  
reverent  
romantic  
sanguine  
scholarly  
self-assured  
sentimental  
serene  
silly  
sprightly  
straightforward  
sympathetic  
tender  
tranquil  
whimsical  
wistful  
worshipful  
zealous

**NEUTRAL**  
(+, -, or neutral)  
commanding  
direct  
impartial  
indirect  
meditative  
objective  
questioning  
speculative  
unambiguous  
unconcerned  
understated

## NEGATIVE TONE WORDS

abhorring  
acerbic  
ambiguous  
ambivalent  
angry  
annoyed  
antagonistic  
anxious  
apathetic  
apprehensive  
belligerent  
bewildered  
biting  
bitter  
blunt  
bossy  
cold  
conceited  
condescending  
confused  
contemptuous  
curt  
cynical  
demanding  
depressed  
derisive  
derogatory  
desolate  
despairing  
desperate  
detached  
diabolic  
disappointed  
disliking  
disrespectful  
doubtful  
embarrassed  
enraged  
evasive  
fatalistic  
fearful  
forceful  
foreboding  
frantic  
frightened  
frustrated  
furious  
gloomy  
grave  
greedy  
grim  
harsh  
haughty  
holier-than-thou  
hopeless  
hostile  
impatient  
incredulous  
indifferent  
indignant  
inflammatory  
insecure  
insolent  
irreverent  
lethargic  
melancholy  
mischievous  
miserable  
mocking  
mournful  
nervous  
ominous  
outraged  
paranoid  
pathetic  
patronizing  
pedantic  
pensive  
pessimistic  
pretentious  
psychotic  
resigned  
reticent  
sarcastic  
sardonic  
scornful  
self-deprecating  
selfish  
serious  
severe  
sinister  
skeptical  
sly  
solemn  
somber  
stern  
stolid  
stressful  
strident  
suspicious  
tense  
threatening  
tragic  
uncertain  
uneasy  
unfriendly  
unsympathetic  
upset  
violent  
wry

# mood = emotional effect that the text creates for the audience

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## POSITIVE MOOD WORDS

amused	jubilant
awed	liberating
bouncy	light-hearted
calm	loving
cheerful	mellow
chipper	nostalgic
confident	optimistic
contemplative	passionate
content	peaceful
determined	playful
dignified	pleased
dreamy	refreshed
ecstatic	rejuvenated
empowered	relaxed
energetic	relieved
enlightened	satiated
enthralled	satisfied
excited	sentimental
exhilarated	silly
flirty	surprised
giddy	sympathetic
grateful	thankful
harmonious	thoughtful
hopeful	touched
hyper	trustful
idyllic	vivacious
joyous	warm
	welcoming

## NEGATIVE MOOD WORDS

aggravated	insidious
annoyed	intimidated
anxious	irate
apathetic	irritated
apprehensive	jealous
barren	lethargic
brooding	lonely
cold	melancholic
confining	merciless
confused	moody
cranky	morose
crushed	nauseated
cynical	nervous
depressed	nightmarish
desolate	numb
disappointed	overwhelmed
discontented	painful
distressed	pensive
drained	pessimistic
dreary	predatory
embarrassed	rejected
enraged	restless
envious	scared
exhausted	serious
fatalistic	sick
foreboding	somber
frustrated	stressed
futile	suspenseful
gloomy	tense
grumpy	terrifying
haunting	threatening
heartbroken	uncomfortable
hopeless	vengeful
hostile	violent
indifferent	worried
infuriated	