



Working on **TONE**

Tone is defined as the writer or speaker's attitude or voice toward the subject and the audience.

Here are some tone words in their respective groups.

Positive Tone:

Lighthearted –
Cheery -
Amused –
Enthusiastic –
Elated –
Exuberant –
Passionate –
Confident –
Proud –
Complimentary –
Hopeful –
Compassionate –
Sympathetic –
Optimistic –
Loving -
Contented -

Neutral Tone:

Formal –
Earnest –
Ceremonial –
Restrained –
Detached –
Reasonable –
Objective –

Candid –
Clinical –
Objective –
Learned –
Factual –
Balanced –
Didactic –
Informative –
Authoritative –
Questioning –
Instructive –
Matter-of-Fact –
Admonitory –
Shocked –
Baffled –
Incredulous –
Disbelieving –
Urgent –
Nostalgic –
Reminiscent –
Sentimental –

Negative Tone:

Angry –
Furious –
Irritated –
Accusing –
Wrath –
Indignant –
Outraged –
Threatening –
Inflammatory –
Condemnatory –
Hostile –
Aggressive –
Bitter –
Disgusted -

Humorous/Ironic/Sarcastic Tones:

Scornful –
Sarcastic –
Critical –
Satiric –
Bantering –
Taunting –
Disdainful –
Cynical –
Facetious –
Sardonic –
Irreverent –
Insolent –
Condescending –
Patronizing –
Contemptuous –

Mr. Williams' English IV Tone List

Amused –
Pompous –
Whimsical –
Abrasive –
Derisive –
Flippant –
Ironic –

Sorrowful/Fearful/Worrisome Tones:

Somber –
Solemn –
Concerned –
Hopeless –
Disturbed –
Serious –
Fearful –
Staid –
Mournful –
Apprehensive –
Despairing –
Resigned –
Desolate –
Melancholic –
Sad –
Elegiac –
Regretful -

Assignment:

Look up the meaning of these words and practice for your quizzes. You need to know the meanings and categories these belong to.
