

MOOD, TONE, AND STYLE

MOOD: The feeling or atmosphere you get from the story. The details help create the mood (your disposition).

EX: Someone says to you “So, how are you feeling today?”

EX: Bats flying over your head and a spooky voice whispering in your ear. Mood?? Freaked out, scared, afraid

TONE: The author’s attitude toward the subject. The expressed inflection in your voice.

EX: Your mother says “William George Hughes come here RIGHT NOW!”

STYLE: The way the author tries to get his/her message across. The presentation based on the individuality of author.

EX: YO! YES! By Chris Rasckne

Tone/Attitude Words Categorized

Positive

lighthearted
confident
amused
complimentary
amiable
relaxed
soothing
jubilant
encouraging
reverent

hopeful
cheery
elated



passionate
whimsical
romantic
calm

enthusiastic
elevated
exuberant
optimistic
sympathetic
proud
fanciful
appreciative
consoling
ecstatic

jovial
loving
compassionate
friendly
pleasant
brave
joyful
energetic

Negative

angry
wrathful



threatening
agitated

obnoxious
insulting
choleric
disgusted
bitter
accusing
arrogant

quarrelsome
surly
outraged
irritated
condemnatory
belligerent



disgruntled
furious
indignant
inflammatory
aggravated
brash
testy

Humor/Irony/Sarcasm

scornful
bantering
disdainful
irreverent
condescending
pompous
mocking
ridiculing
wry



sarcastic
taunting
cynical
insolent
patronizing
whimsical

malicious
droll
critical
ironic
facetious
flippant
mock-heroic
teasing
quizzical

comical
satiric
amused
sardonic
contemptuous
caustic
ribald
irreverent



Sorrow/Fear/Worry

somber
mournful
concerned
morose



hopeless
remorseful

poignant
melancholy
solemn
fearful
pessimistic
grave
staid
ominous
sad

serious
despairing
sober
solemn



resigned
horror



disturbed
apprehensive
gloomy
foreboding
mournful
regretful

Neutral



formal
objective
questioning
learned
authoritative
disbelieving
sentimental
pretentious
apathetic

conventional
judgmental
reflective
ceremonial
candid
instructive
factual
incredulous
urgent
fervent
histrionic
callous

forthright
lyrical
sincere
restrained
clinical
matter-of-fact
didactic
shocked
nostalgic
earnest
resigned
contemplative

haughty
objective
detached
admonitory
informative
baffled
reminiscent
patriotic
meditative
intimate
obsequious



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