# Tone Vocabulary List

#### **Positive Tone/Attitude Words**

Amiable Consoling Friendly Playful Content Pleasant Amused Happy **Appreciative** Dreamy Hopeful Proud Authoritative Ecstatic Impassioned Relaxed Benevolent Elated Jovial Reverent Brave Elevated Joyful Romantic Calm Encouraging Jubilant Soothing Cheerful Surprised Energetic Lighthearted Sweet Cheery Enthusiastic Loving Compassionate Excited Optimistic Sympathetic Complimentary Passionate Vibrant Exuberant Confident Peaceful Whimsical Fanciful

### **Negative Tone/Attitude Words**

Accusing Choleric **Furious** Quarrelsome Aggravated Coarse Harsh Shameful Agitated Cold Haughtv Smooth Angry Condemnatory Hateful Snooty Hurtful Superficial Apathetic Condescending Arrogant Contradictory Indignant Surly Artificial Critical Inflammatory Testy Threatening Audacious Desperate Insulting Disappointed Irritated Tired Belligerent Bitter Disaruntled Manipulative Uninterested Boring Disgusted Obnoxious Wrathful Brash Disinterested Outraged Childish Facetious Passive

## **Humor-Irony-Sarcasm Tone/Attitude Words**

Amused Droll Mock-heroic Sardonic Facetious Satiric Bantering Mocking Bitter **Flippant** Mock-serious Scornful Caustic Giddy Patronizing Sharp Comical Humorous Pompous Silly Condescending Quizzical Taunting Insolent Ribald Contemptuous Ironic Teasing Whimsical Critical Irreverent Ridiculing Cynical Jokina Sad Wry Disdainful Malicious Sarcastic

## Sorrow-Fear-Worry Tone/Attitude Words

Aggravated Embarrassed Morose Resigned Agitated Fearful Mournful Sad **Anxious** Foreboding Serious Nervous **Apologetic** Gloomy Numb Sober Apprehensive Grave Ominous Solemn Concerned Hollow Paranoid Somber Confused Hopeless Pessimistic Staid Dejected Horrific Pitiful Upset Horror Poignant

Depressed Horror Poignant
Despairing Melancholy Regretful
Disturbed Miserable Remorseful

#### **Neutral Tone/Attitude Words**

Admonitory Dramatic Intimae Questioning Allusive Judgmental Reflective Earnest Apathetic Expectant Learned Reminiscent Authoritative Factual Loud Resigned Baffled Fervent Lyrical Restrained Callous Formal Matter-of-fact Seductive Candid Sentimental Forthright Meditative Ceremonial Frivolous Nostalgic Serious Clinical Haughty Objective Shocking Consoling Histrionic Obsequious Sincere Contemplative Humble Patriotic Unemotional Conventional Incredulous Persuasive Urgent Detached Informative Pleading Vexed Didactic Inquisitive Pretentious Wistful Instructive Provocative Zealous Disbelieving