

Tone Vocabulary

Accusatory – charging of wrong doing

Sanguineous- optimistic, cheerful

Apathetic – indifferent

Vitriolic – sharp, caustic, bitter

Bitter – exhibiting strong animosity

Cynical – questions the basic sincerity and goodness of people

Condescension – a feeling of superiority

Callous – unfeeling, insensitive to feelings of others

Contemplative – studying, thinking, reflecting on an issue

Critical – finding fault

Choleric – hot-tempered, easily angered

Contemptuous – showing or feeling that something is worthless, lacking respect

Caustic – intense use of sarcasm, stinging, biting

Conventional – lacking spontaneity, originality, and individuality

Disdainful – scornful

Derisive – ridiculing, mocking

Erudite – learned, polished, scholarly

Fanciful – using the imagination

Haughty – proud and vain to the point of arrogance

Jovial – happy

Intimate – very familiar

Morose – treating with contempt or ridicule

Malicious – purposely hurtful

Obsequious – polite and obedient only for hope of gain or favor

Patronizing – air of condescension

Ribald – offensive in speech, gesture

Reverent – treating a subject with honor, respect

Sardonic – scornfully and bitterly sarcastic