

# 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