

Tone is the writer's or speaker's attitude toward the subject

Another List of Words but in Categories:

Developing A Tone Vocabulary

angry	sad	sentimental
sharp	cold	fanciful
upset	urgent	complimentary
silly	joking	condescending
boring	poignant	sympathetic
afraid	detached	contemptuous
happy	confused	apologetic
hollow	childish	humorous
joyful	peaceful	horrific
allusive	mocking	sarcastic
sweet	objective	nostalgic
vexed	vibrant	zealous
tired	frivolous	irreverent
bitter	audacious	benevolent
dreamy	shocking	seductive
restrained	somber	candid
proud	giddy	pitiful
dramatic	provocative	didactic

Another list of tone words:

satiric	pedantic	colloquial
whimsical	indignant	compassionate
dramatic	bantering	impartial
learned	flippant	insipid
informative	condescending	pretentious
somber	patronizing	vibrant
urgent	facetious	irreverent
confident	clinical	sentimental
mock-heroic	mock-serious	moralistic
objective	inflammatory	complimentary
diffident	benevolent	contemptuous
ironic	burlesque	sympathetic
petty	detached	taunting
factual	cynical	angry
restrained	incisive	turgid
elegiac	allusive	sardonic
disdainful	scornful	contentious
lugubrious	effusive	insolent
candid	fanciful	concerned

Words That Describe Language

jargon	pedantic	poetic
vulgar	euphemistic	moralistic
scholarly	pretentious	slang
insipid	sensuous	idiomatic
precise	exact	concrete
esoteric	learned	cultured
connotative	symbolic	picturesque
plain	simple	homespun
literal	figurative	provincial
colloquial	bombastic	trite
artificial	abstruse	obscure
detached	grotesque	precise
emotional	concrete	exact

<u>reverence</u>	<u>love</u>	<u>joy</u>
awe	affection	exaltation
veneration	cherish	zeal
solemn	fondness	fervor
	admiration	ardor
<u>happiness</u>	tenderness	elation
glad	sentiment	jubilant
pleased	romantic	buoyancy
merry	Platonic	
glee	adoration	<u>calm</u>
delight	narcissism	serene
cheerful	passion	tranquil
gay	lust	placid
sanguine	rapture	
mirth	ecstasy	<u>hope</u>
enjoy	infatuated	expect
relish	enamor	anticipate
bliss	compassion	

<u>sadness</u>	<u>anger</u>	<u>hate</u>
somber	vehement	vengeance
melancholy	rage	abhorrence
sorrow	outrage	animosity
lament	antipathy	enmity
despair	exasperation	malice
despondent	indignant	pique
regret	vexation	rancor
dismal	incensed	aversion
funereal	petulant	loathing
saturnine	irascible	despise
dark	riled	scorn
gloomy	bitter	contempt
dejection	acrimony	disdain
grave	irate	jealousy
grief	fury	repugnance
morose	wrath	repulsion
sullen	rancor	resentment
woe	consternation	spite
bleak	hostility	fear
remorse	choleric	disgust
forlorn	futility	
agony	umbrage	<u>fear</u>
depression	gall	timidity
misery	bristle	apprehension
barren	exasperation	anxiety
empty		terror
pity	<u>ironic tones</u>	horror
lugubrious	playful	dismay
distress	witty	agitation
	humorous	sinister
<u>ironic tones</u>	sarcastic	dread
acerbic	sardonic	alarm
smirking	flippant	startle
sneering	cynical	qualms
derisive	mocking	angst
icy	biting	trepidation