



the wheel of feels

Tone Words in Categories

| Positive | | Neutral | Negative | | | Other |
|-------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Kindness/Love | Happiness | Neutrality/Lack of Emotion | Anger | Criticism/Disapproval | Fear | |
| Affectionate | Amused | Ambivalent | Acerbic | Accusatory | Afraid | Absurd |
| Benevolent | Awestruck | Agreeable | Angry | Argumentative | Anxious | Befuddled |
| Compassionate | Celebratory | Apathetic | Frustrated | Bitter | Cautionary | Childish |
| Fond | Cheerful | Callous | Fuming | Cautious | Embarrassed | Concerned |
| Infatuated | Delighted | Cold | Hard-hearted | Caustic | Distressed | Confused |
| Sentimental | Dreamy | Compliant | Incensed | Critical | Threatened | Diffident |
| Sympathetic | Expectant | Conciliatory | Inflammatory | Cynical | Pensive | Dignified |
| Tender | Fanciful | Factual | Irritated | Disapproving | Uncertain | Evasive |
| | Giddy | Impartial | Offended | Disparaging | Uneasy | Formal |
| Approval | Happy | Indifferent | Outraged | Hypercritical | Worried | Abstruse |
| Complimentary | Joyous | Inspid | Resentful | Farcical | | Frivolous |
| Effusive | Merry | Detached | Vexed | Faultfinding | | Incisive |
| Fawning | Optimistic | Diplomatic | | Malicious | Arrogance | Informal |
| Obsequious | Peaceful | Dispassionate | Sadness/Fatigue | Mocking | Condescending | Inane |
| | Playful | Docile | Aggrieved | Nasty | Demeaning | Ironic |
| | Pleased | Flippant | Bored | Pessimistic | Disdainful | Intimate |
| | Reassured | Hollow | Depressed | Sarcastic | Egotistical | Jaded |
| Honesty/Humility | Relaxed | Informative | Disheartened | Sardonic | Esoteric | Learned |
| Apologetic | Relieved | Matter-of-fact | Gloomy | Satirical | Facetious | Nostalgic |
| Ardent | Humor | Objective | Grim | Scathing | Indignant | Philosophical |
| Candid | Comic | Resigned | Guilty | Scornful | Narcissistic | Placating |
| Earnest | Humorous | Restrained | Heartbroken | Sharp | Mock-serious | Pragmatic |
| Frank | Whimsical | Serious | Lugubrious | Skeptical | Moralistic | Supercilious |
| Gentle | Witty | Tolerant | Pitiful | Suspicious | Patronizing | Wretched |
| Gullible | | Unbiased | Regretful | Vindictive | Pompous | |
| Humble | Force | | Remorseful | | Pretentious | |
| Impressionable | Aggressive | | Self-pitying | Rebellion | Proud | |
| Modest | Assertive | | Solemn | Belligerent | Righteous | |
| Naive | Forceful | | Somber | Contemptuous | Taunting | |
| Reflective | Impassioned | | Sorrowful | Defiant | | |
| Reluctant | Imploring | | Sulking | Disdainful | | |
| Reverent | Intense | | Tired | Incredulous | | |
| Submissive | Passionate | | Tragic | Insolent | | |
| Thoughtful | Persuasive | | Unhappy | Irreverent | | |
| Unassuming | Urgent | | Upset | | | |

You may also describe an author's tone with more than one word:

Calculated indifference
Amused boredom
Unmitigated delight
Mild condescension
Apologetic embarrassment
Detached sympathy
Amused affection

admiring support
veiled disdain
growing anger
veiled distaste
cold objectivity
satisfied curiosity
concealed intolerance

excessive enthusiasm
masked disdain
reluctant approval
clear distaste
righteous indignation
blatant intolerance
vigorous denunciation