

AUTHOR'S TONE LIST

Abstruse: hard to comprehend; hard to understand

Ambivalent: pleasant or agreeable manner/attitude

Apathetic: showing or having a lack of concern or interest

Celebratory: in a celebrating way

Chiding: criticizing gently (in a nice way telling someone what needs to change)

Churlish: impolite manners; showing crude insensitivity

Contemptuous: looking down on someone; showing dislike for someone/something

Derisive: foolish; pointless; ridiculous

Disdainful: looking down on someone; showing dislike for someone/something

Domineering: fond of ordering people around

Fawning: trying to get the approval of an important/powerful person by giving that person praise/attention

Furtive: sneaky, secretive

Haughty: arrogant, very proud

Impertinent: bold rudeness; lack of manners; no consideration

Incredulous: skeptical; doubting; to question claims

Indignant: feeling or showing anger

Lugubrious: very mournful (full of sorrow); dismal (think gray)

Melancholic: sad, depressing

Peevish: bad tempered

Obsequious: subservient: serving (think Japanese women serving their man)

Querulous: constant complaining

Reticent: reserved: silent, not wanting to express true feeling

Satirical: sarcastic in a funny way

Solemn: serious; could be relating to religion

Solicitous: trying to sell you on something

Strident: harsh, insistent ("you must do it this way...")

Supercilious: proud

Tongue-in-cheek: insincere, ironic or acting on a whim (erratic/unpredictable)

Tyrannical: like a ruler who uses ALL their power in a bad way, brutal or harsh

Vindictive: trying to seek revenge; trying to hurt