

# More specific TONE WORDS

## **PASSIONATE**

Zealous  
Obsessive  
Intense  
Intimate  
Involved  
Heartfelt  
Dedicated  
Loving  
Personal  
Fanatical  
Emotional  
Ecstatic  
Enthusiastic  
Excited  
Caring

## **FURIOUS**

Loathsome  
Vengeful  
Enraged  
Infuriated  
Inflamed  
Frustrated  
Agitated  
Bothered  
Livid  
Irate  
Pissed  
Angry  
Ticked off  
Mad  
Upset

## **ECSTATIC**

Ebullient  
Exuberant  
Elated  
Thrilled  
Overjoyed  
Happy  
Excited

## **OPTIMISTIC**

Panglossian  
Believe  
Hopeful  
Wishful  
Gay  
Assured  
Confident  
Idealistic  
Positive  
Upbeat  
Cheerful

## **OMINOUS**

Looming  
Ominous  
Inevitable  
Fateful  
Apocalyptic  
Doomsday  
Terminal  
Fearful  
Pessimistic  
Apprehensive

## **PROUD**

Honorable  
Arrogant  
Respectful  
Conceded  
Cocky  
Self-centered  
Snotty  
Contemptuous  
Patronizing  
Haughty  
Arrogant  
Condescending  
Overbearing  
Defiant  
Boastful  
Conceited

## **CAUSTIC**

Venomous  
Caustic  
Acerbic  
Mordant  
Abusive  
Mocking  
Sarcastic  
Scornful  
Spiteful  
Abrasive  
Derisive  
Disdainful  
Cruel  
Biting  
Offensive  
Rude

## **SCHOLARLY/ ACADEMIC**

Pedantic  
Didactic  
Scholarly  
Intelligent  
Knowledgeable  
Studious  
Theoretical  
Bright  
Smart  
Informed

## **DEFIANT**

Rebellious  
Protesting  
Stubborn  
Contemptuous  
Obstinate  
Disdainful  
Scornful  
Sneering

## **DISTRAUGHT**

Distressed  
Frustrated  
Concerned  
Anxious  
Perturbed  
Exasperated  
Infuriated

## **AUDACIOUS**

Daring  
Bold  
Brave  
Overconfident  
Bombastic  
Arrogant  
Overweening  
Brash  
Haughty  
Proud  
Snooty

## **SYMPATHETIC**

Compassionate  
Sensitive  
Caring  
Empathetic

## **SARDONIC/SATIRIC**

Scornful  
Mocking  
Sarcastic  
Scathing  
Irreverent  
Derisive  
Mordant  
Cynical  
Acerbic  
Ironic  
Contemptuous  
Disrespectful  
Impertinent  
Insolent  
Audacious  
Cheeky  
Condescending

## **HUMOROUS**

Comical  
Farcical  
Jocular  
Amusing  
Absurd  
Ludicrous  
Lighthearted (vs. serious)  
Playful  
Informal (vs. formal)