## Tone/Attitude Words From: http://www.mshogue.com/AP/tone.htm

- 1. accusatory-charging of wrong doing
- 2. apathetic-indifferent due to lack of energy or concern
- 3. awe-solemn wonder
- 4. bitter-exhibiting strong animosity as a result of pain or grief
- 5. cynical-questions the basic sincerity and goodness of people
- 6. condescension; condescending-a feeling of superiority
- 7. callous-unfeeling, insensitive to feelings of others
- 8. contemplative-studying, thinking, reflecting on an issue
- 9. critical-finding fault
- 10. choleric-hot-tempered, easily angered
- 11. contemptuous-showing or feeling that something is worthless or lacks respect
- 12. caustic-intense use of sarcasm; stinging, biting
- 13. conventional-lacking spontaneity, originality, and individuality
- 14. disdainful-scornful
- 15. didactic-author attempts to educate or instruct the reader
- 16. derisive-ridiculing, mocking
- 17. earnest-intense, a sincere state of mind
- 18. erudite-learned, polished, scholarly
- 19. fanciful-using the imagination
- 20. forthright-directly frank without hesitation
- 21. gloomy-darkness, sadness, rejection
- 22. haughty-proud and vain to the point of arrogance
- 23. indignant-marked by anger aroused by injustice
- 24. intimate-very familiar
- 25. judgmental-authoritative and often having critical opinions
- 26. jovial-happy
- 28. matter-of-fact--accepting of conditions; not fanciful or emotional
- 29. mocking-treating with contempt or ridicule
- 30. morose-gloomy, sullen, surly, despondent
- 31. malicious-purposely hurtful
- 32. objective-an unbiased view-able to leave personal judgments aside
- 33. optimistic-hopeful, cheerful
- 34. obsequious-polite and obedient in order to gain something
- 35. patronizing-air of condescension
- 36. pessimistic-seeing the worst side of things; no hope
- 37. quizzical-odd, eccentric, amusing
- 38. ribald-offensive in speech or gesture
- 39. reverent-treating a subject with honor and respect
- 40. ridiculing-slightly contemptuous banter; making fun of
- 41. reflective-illustrating innermost thoughts and emotions
- 42. sarcastic-sneering, caustic
- 43. sardonic-scornfully and bitterly sarcastic
- 44. satiric-ridiculing to show weakness in order to make a point, teach
- 45. sincere-without deceit or pretense; genuine
- 46. solemn-deeply earnest, tending toward sad reflection
- 47. sanguineous -optimistic, cheerful
- 48. whimsical-odd, strange, fantastic; fun