Tone = Author’s attitude

\*Tone often helps us understand the author’s message.

\*Look for shifts or changes in the author’s tone.

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| ***Angry or Unsatisfied***  Agitated  Annoyed  Bitter  Defiant  Disgruntled  Enraged  Furious  Hateful  Impatient  Indignant  Irritated  Outraged  Rebellious | ***Confrontational***  Antagonistic  Hostile  Inflammatory  Intimidating  Threatening  Vengeful  Violent  Wrathful | ***Critical or Disapproving***  Accusatory  Biting  Blunt  Disgusted  Dismissive  Harsh  Ironic  Judgmental  Sarcastic  Sardonic  Scathing  Severe  Sharp | ***Condescending or Disrespectful***  Arrogant  Contemptuous  Demeaning  Derisive  Derogatory  Disdainful  Haughty  Insulting  Irreverent  Manipulative  Mocking  Offensive  Patronizing  Ridiculing  Scornful | ***Confused, Puzzled or Doubtful***  Ambivalent  Baffled  Bewildered  Conflicted  Hesitant  Pessimistic  Skeptical  Surprised  Suspicious  Questioning  Uncertain  Unsure |
| ***Insincere,***  ***Insensitive or Passive***  Apathetic  Artificial  Callous  Careless  Cold  Indifferent  Unconcerned  Unsympathetic | ***Sinister***  Dark  Diabolical  Foreboding  Malicious  Ominous  Psychotic  Secretive | ***Numb, Tired, Giving Up***  Cynical  Defeated  Detached  Disheartened  Emotionless  Hollow  Hopeless  Jaded  Lethargic  Resigned  Weary | ***Concerned or Worried***  Alarmed  Anxious  Apprehensive  Cautious  Disturbed  Insecure  Jealous  Nervous  Tense  Troubled  Uneasy  Urgent | ***Sad***  Dejected  Depressed  Despairing  Dismayed  Disheartened  Forlorn  Haunted  Heartbroken  Melancholy  Morose  Mournful  Miserable  Poignant  Sorrowful  Tragic  Wounded |
| ***Shocked***  Appalled  Disbelieving  Horrified  Incredulous | ***Fearful***  Apprehensive  Desperate  Frantic  Frightened  Paranoid  Pleading | ***Boastful***  Bombastic  Bragging  Conceited  Pompous  Selfish  Vain | ***Disappointed***  Frustrated  Longing  Nostalgic  Sentimental  Yearning  Wistful | ***Guilty***  Apologetic  Ashamed  Embarrassed  Regretful  Remorseful |
| ***Matter of Fact, Objective***  Candid  Clinical  Direct  Factual  Impartial  Pragmatic  Straightforward | ***Persuasive***  Captivating  Cogent  Convincing  Compelling  Eloquent  Inspiring | ***Authoritative***  Assertive  Commanding  Controlling  Demanding  Firm  Forceful  Powerful | ***Introspective***    Contemplative  Meditative  Pensive  Reflective  Speculative  Thoughtful | ***Serious***  Formal  Grave  Grim  Sober  Solemn  Somber |
| ***Dedicated***  Determined  Passionate  Persevering  Tenacious  Zealous | ***Genuine, Modest,***  ***Appreciative***  Earnest  Grateful  Honest  Humble  Self-Deprecating  Sincere | ***Excited***  Animated  Celebratory  Ecstatic  Effusive  Elated  Energetic  Enthusiastic  Exhilarated  Lively | ***Happy***  Blissful  Cheerful  Delighted  Giddy  Jovial  Joyful  Jubilant  Light Lighthearted | ***Content or Relaxed***  Calm  Peaceful  Serene  Soothing  Tranquil |
| ***Funny or Informal***  Amused  Casual  Comical  Hilarious  Humorous  Joking  Mischievous  Playful  Silly  Teasing  Wry | ***Approving***  Admiring  Adoring  Complimentary  Fascinated  Proud  Respectful  Reverent  Worshipful | ***Caring or Supportive***  Affectionate  Benevolent  Comforting  Compassionate  Consoling  Empathetic  Encouraging  Friendly  Gentle  Inclusive  Loving  Reassuring  Soothing  Sympathetic  Tender  Warm | ***Strong***  Confident  Decisive  Dominant  Fervent  Passionate  Resilient  Resonant  Self-assured | ***Add Your Own*** |