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***AgitatedAnnoyed BitterDefiant DisgruntledEnragedFuriousHateful ImpatientIndignantIrritatedOutragedRebellious | ***Confrontational***Antagonistic Hostile InflammatoryIntimidatingThreateningVengeful ViolentWrathful | ***Critical or Disapproving***AccusatoryBitingBluntDisgustedDismissive HarshIronicJudgmentalSarcasticSardonicScathingSevereSharp | ***Condescending or Disrespectful*** ArrogantContemptuousDemeaningDerisiveDerogatory DisdainfulHaughty InsultingIrreverent Manipulative MockingOffensivePatronizingRidiculingScornful | ***Confused, Puzzled or Doubtful***Ambivalent BaffledBewildered Conflicted HesitantPessimisticSkepticalSurprisedSuspiciousQuestioningUncertainUnsure |
| ***Insincere,*** ***Insensitive or Passive***ApatheticArtificialCallousCarelessCold IndifferentUnconcernedUnsympathetic | ***Sinister*** DarkDiabolicalForeboding MaliciousOminousPsychoticSecretive | ***Numb, Tired, Giving Up*** Cynical DefeatedDetached DisheartenedEmotionless HollowHopelessJadedLethargicResignedWeary | ***Concerned or Worried***AlarmedAnxious ApprehensiveCautiousDisturbedInsecureJealous Nervous TenseTroubledUneasyUrgent | ***Sad*** DejectedDepressed DespairingDismayedDisheartenedForlorn HauntedHeartbrokenMelancholyMoroseMournfulMiserablePoignantSorrowfulTragicWounded |
| ***Shocked*** AppalledDisbelieving HorrifiedIncredulous  | ***Fearful*** Apprehensive Desperate Frantic Frightened ParanoidPleading | ***Boastful***BombasticBragging Conceited Pompous Selfish Vain | ***Disappointed***FrustratedLongingNostalgicSentimental Yearning Wistful | ***Guilty*** ApologeticAshamedEmbarrassedRegretful Remorseful  |
| ***Matter of Fact, Objective*** CandidClinical DirectFactualImpartialPragmaticStraightforward | ***Persuasive***Captivating CogentConvincingCompellingEloquent Inspiring | ***Authoritative***AssertiveCommanding ControllingDemanding Firm Forceful Powerful | ***Introspective***Contemplative MeditativePensiveReflectiveSpeculativeThoughtful | ***Serious***FormalGraveGrimSober SolemnSomber |
| ***Dedicated***DeterminedPassionatePerseveringTenaciousZealous | ***Genuine, Modest,*** ***Appreciative***Earnest GratefulHonestHumbleSelf-DeprecatingSincere | ***Excited***AnimatedCelebratory EcstaticEffusiveElatedEnergeticEnthusiasticExhilaratedLively | ***Happy*** BlissfulCheerful DelightedGiddyJovialJoyfulJubilantLight Lighthearted | ***Content or Relaxed***Calm PeacefulSereneSoothingTranquil |
| ***Funny or Informal***AmusedCasualComicalHilariousHumorousJokingMischievousPlayfulSillyTeasingWry  | ***Approving*** Admiring Adoring ComplimentaryFascinatedProudRespectfulReverentWorshipful | ***Caring or Supportive***Affectionate Benevolent Comforting Compassionate ConsolingEmpatheticEncouraging FriendlyGentleInclusiveLovingReassuringSoothingSympatheticTenderWarm | ***Strong***Confident Decisive Dominant Fervent PassionateResilient Resonant Self-assured | ***Add Your Own*** |