Words to Describe Tone

Abhorring- to regard with horror or loathing; detest
Academic- scholarly
Accusatory- charging of wrong doing
Admiration- to regard with pleasure, wonder, and approval
Affectionate- having or showing fond feelings or affection, loving, tender
Aghast- shocked
Agony- a horrible feeling
Agreement
Aloof--haughty, distant
Amazement
Ambivalent--indecisive, mixed emotion
Amorous- loving
Amusement
Anger
Anguished- unbearable sorrow
Annoyed
Antagonistic- one who contends against another; an adversary
Anticipation
Anxiety- stressed
Apathetic-- uncaring, uninvolved
Appreciative
Approval- to consider right or good: think or speak favorably of
Argumentative
Arrogant
Audacious- bold and daring
Awe- solemn wonder
Belligerent- hostile, aggressive
Benevolent- characterized by or suggestive of doing good
Biting
Bitter--hating, malicious
Bliss- the state of nothing but pleasure
Brutal
Callous- unfeeling, insensitive to the feelings of others
Calmness
Candid--frank, truthful
Carefree
Castigation- severe criticism or punishment
Cathartic--purging, cleansing
Caustic- intense use of sarcasm; stinging, biting
Cheated
Chilling
Choleric- hot-tempered, easily angered
Clinical- analytical
Comic- characteristic of, or having to do with comedy
Compassionate
Compelling- to force, drive
Complicated- containing intricately combined or involved parts
Complimentary—favorable
Conciliatory- appease
Condescending--showing superiority
Confidence
Confused
Consistent
Contemplative- studying, thinking, reflecting on an issue
Contemptuous-- scornful
Contentious- argumentative
Conventional- lacking spontaneity, originality, and individuality
Convincing
Critical- finding fault
Cruel
Cynical- questions the basic sincerity and goodness of people
Deceitful- dishonest
Depraved- morally corrupt
Depressing
Derision- scorn, ridicule
Derisive- ridiculing, mocking
Desolate- dreary, deserted, barren
Despair
Desultory--off the major idea, wandering
Devil-may-care
Didactic- instructive
Direct- to manage or conduct the affairs of, regulate
Disappointment
Disbelief
Disdainful- scornful
Disenchanted- free from illusion or false belief
Disgust
Dispassionate--unaffected, logical
Distressed- strained, with anxiety
Dogmatic--authoritative, assertive, arrogant
Doubt
Downtrodden
Dread
Dreary- a gray shadow is cast upon thoughts
Ebullience- intense enthusiasm

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Egalitarian- equality
Elation- joy
Elegiac--expressing sorrow
Embittered
Emotional
Emphatic- forceful and definite in expression or action
Endearing- inspiring affection or warm sympathy
Epiphany
Ernest- intense, a sincere state of mind
Erudite- learned, polished, scholarly
Ecstatic- jumping up and down with joy
Ethnic--radical, cultural
Eulogizing- to praise highly in speech or writing
Euphoric- extremely happy, overjoyed
Exasperated- angry, impatient
Facetious- playful, humorous
Fanciful- using the imagination
Fatalistic-- deadly, pessimistic
Fervent- greatly emotional, zealous
Flirtatious
Florid- ornate, flowery
Foreboding- ominous
Forthright- directly frank without hesitation
Galling-- causing exasperation
Gloomy- darkness, sadness, rejection
Gothic- dark
Grandiose- great, pompous
Gratified
Haughty- proud and vain to the point of arrogance
Having levity--humor
Heartache
Hopeful
Hopeless
Hostility
Hubris- arrogant presumption or pride
Humorous
Hypnotic--intriguing, trance-like
Immense sadness and anger
Impertinent- irrelevant
Incongruous--not coinciding, disharmonious
Incredulous- skeptical, disbelieving
Indifference
Indignant- marked by anger, aroused by injustice
Informal
Informational
Informative
Intimate- very familiar
Introspective- examining own sensory and perceptual experiences
Ironic--showing the unexpected or opposite effect
Irritated- annoyed
Jovial- happy
Joy
Judgmental- judging others, critical
Lackadaisical- lazy
Laudatory- expressing or conferring praise
Lethargic- sleepy
Lighthearted- happy, carefree
Loathing--abhorring, dislike
Lofty- arrogant
Longing
Lugubrious--dismal, mournful
Lyrical- emotional, full of images, song-like
Macabre- about death
Malevolent- mean, angry, purposefully hateful
Malicious- purposefully hurtful, very mean
Matter of fact- truthful, accepting of conditions, straightforward
Meditative
Melancholy- sad
Menacing
Mischievous- playing tricks for fun
Mocking- scornful, ridiculing, making fun of someone
Morose- gloomy, sullen, surly, despondent
Mournful
Moving
Mystical
Negative- unhappy, pessimistic
Nervous- worried
Neutral- neither good nor bad
Nostalgic- thinking about the past, wishing for something from the past
Objective- without prejudice, without discrimination, fair
Obsequious- polite and obedient in order to gain something
Ominous
Optimistic- hopeful, cheerful
Passionate
Patient- willing to wait
Patronizing--condescending
Pedantic--patty, ostentatious, unimaginative
Pensive- thinking, thoughtful

Words to Describe Tone

Perfunctory- threatening, ominous
Perplexed- confused, puzzled
Persuasive- trying to convince
Pessimistic- seeing the worst side of things
Pious- extremely reverent, devout
Pity
Placid- calm, peaceful, serene
Plaintive- expressing sorrow
Poetic- expressing beautiful thoughts or words
Pompous--arrogant, self-important
Powerful
Proud- full of pride in something, thinking that something is better than others
Pungent-- sharp, penetrating appeal to the senses
Quizzical- questioning, eccentric, odd, amusing
Rage
Rancorous- marked with deep-seated hatred
Reflective- illustrating innermost thoughts and emotions
Reflective- thoughtful, meditative, thinking
Regal
Regret- feeling bad about the past
Rejection
Relaxed- not worried or busy
Relieved- done being worried
Remorseful- very sad, sorrowful, regretful
Reproving- disapproval
Resigned- given up
Respect
Reticent- reserved, reluctant
Reverent--having deep respect
Ribald- offensive in speech or gesture
Ridiculing- slightly contemptuous banter, making fun of
Rude- not polite
Saccharine- excessively sweet
Sadness- unhappy
Sanguineness- optimistic, cheerful
Sarcastic- sneering
Sardonic- scornful, very sarcastic
Satirical--ridiculing, ironic
Sensual
Sentimental-- maudlin, affectedly emotional
Serious- not funny, not joking
Sincere- honest, truthful, earnest
Skeptical-- questioning, doubting
Snobbish- aching as though one is better than everyone else
Solemn- sad or quiet reflection
Solicitous- anxious, concerned
Solitude- loneliness
Somber--dark, gloomy, serious
Soporific--causing sleep, soothing or drill
Sorrowful and anguished
Stern
Stiff- formal, serious
Straightforward- direct, honest
Stubborn- refusing to give in
Stuffy
Supercilious-- lofty pride, arrogant
Surprised- startled, amazed
Suspense- wondering what will happen next
Sympathetic-- favoring, expressing sorrow
Tearful- sad
Tenderness
Tense- nervous
Tenuous- flimsy, weak
Thankful- grateful, giving thanks
Theatrical--dramatic
Threatening--imposing harm
Timorous- timid, fearful
Tolerant- accepting of others
Tongue-in-Cheek-- ironic, facetious, sarcastic
Tortured- torment
Tragic- very sad
Tranquil
Troubled
Unbiased
Unhappy
Uplifting
Urgent- insistent
Vain- lacking substance or worth
Vehement- feel strongly, passionately
Vexation- annoyance
Vicious
Vindictive- revengeful
Vivacious- full of animation and spirit
Wary- watchful
Whimsical- playful, funny, odd
Wistful- full of wishful yearning
Witty
Yearning