**Tone Vocabulary Words**

1. **allusive** – intimate, suggest, connote

2. **angry** – mad, furious, irate

3. **bantering** – good-natured teasing, ridicule, joking

4. **benevolent** – magnanimous, generous, noble

5. **burlesque** – mockery, sham, spoof, parody

6. **candid** – clear, frank, genuine, sincere

7. **clinical** - direct, detached, scientific, impersonal

8. **colloquial** -common – ordinary, vernacular

9. **compassionate** – kindly, sympathetic, benevolent

10. **complimentary** – flattering, approving, laudatory

11. **concerned** – touched, affected, influenced

12. **condescending** – scornful, contemptuous, disdainful

13. **confident** – positive, certain, assured

14. **contemptuous** – pompous, arrogant, superior, haughty

15. **contentious** – argumentative, quarrelsome, pugnacious

16. **cynical** – adverse, suspicious, opposed, doubtful, dubious

17. **detached** – separated, severed, apathetic

18. **didactic** – pointed, bombastic, pompous, terse

19. **diffident** – retiring, timid, hesitant, bashful

20. **disdainful** – haughty, arrogant, supercilious

21. **dramatic** – exciting, moving, sensational, emotional

22. **effusive** – talkative, verbose, profuse

23. **elegiac** – sad, mournful, plaintive (like an elegy)

24. **factious** – dissident, rebellious, insubordinate

25. **factual** – authentic, genuine, truthful

26. **fanciful** – capricious, extravagant, whimsical

27. **flippant** – offhand, facetious, frivolous

28. **impartial** – equitable, unbiased, dispassionate

29. **incisive** – cutting, biting, penetrating

30. **indignant** – angry, irritated, resentful

31. **inflammatory** – irritate, arouse, resentful

32. **informative** – acquaint, communicate, disclose

33. **insipid** – flat, bland, tedious, banal (commonplace)

34. **insolent** – insulting, brazen, rude, contemptuous

35. **ironic** – contradictory, implausible, incongruous

36. **irreverent** – profane, impious, blasphemous, ungodly

37. **learned** – skilled, experienced, professional

38. **lugubrious** – gloomy, dismal, melancholy, somber

39. **maudlin** – sentimental, mushy, gushing, insipid

40. **mock-heroic** – mimicking courage (pretend)

41. **mock-serious** – mimicking solemnity (pretend)

42. **moralistic** – virtuous, righteous, blameless

43. **objective** – impartial, detached, impersonal

44. **patronizing** – condescending, scornful, disdainful

45. **pedantic** – academic, bookish, scholastic

46. **petty** – trivial, insignificant, narrow-minded

47. **pretentious** – arrogant, boastful, conceited

48. **restrained** – unwilling, hesitant, reluctant

49. **sardonic** – cutting, biting, penetrating, satirical

50. **satiric** – lampooning, facetious

51. **scornful** – bitter, caustic, acrimonious, mordant

52. **sentimental** – emotional, mushy, maudlin (tearful)

53. **somber** – serious, gloomy, dismal, shadowy

54. **sympathetic** – supportive, favorable, considerate

55. **taunting** – contemptuous, insulting, derisive

56. **terse** – concise, succinct, pithy, pointed

57. **turgid** – pompous, bloated, swollen, distended

58. **urgent** – compelling, demanding, imperative, pressing

59. **vibrant** – resonant, active, resounding

60. **whimsical** – flippant, frivolous, light-hearted, dainty