**Tone/Attitude Words**

**accusatory-**charging of wrong doing

**apathetic-** indifferent due to lack of energy or concern

**awe-** solemn wonder

**bitter-** exhibiting strong animosity as a result of pain or grief

**cynical-**questions the basic sincerity and goodness of people

**condescending**- a feeling of superiority

**callous-** unfeeling, insensitive to feelings of others

**contemplative-** studying, thinking, reflecting on an issue

**critical-** finding fault

**choleric-** hot-tempered, easily angered

**contemptuous-** showing or feeling that something is worthless or lacks respect

**caustic-** intense use of sarcasm; stinging, biting

**conventional-** lacking spontaneity, originality, and individuality

**disdainful-** scornful

**didactic-** author attempts to educate or instruct the reader

**derisive-** ridiculing, mocking

**earnest-** intense, a sincere state of mind

**erudite-** learned, polished, scholarly

**fanciful-** using the imagination

**forthright-** directly frank without hesitation

**gloomy-** darkness, sadness, rejection

**haughty-** proud and vain to the point of arrogance

**indignant-** marked by anger aroused by injustice

**intimate-** very familiar

**judgmental-** authoritative and often having critical opinions

**jovial-** happy

**lyrical-** expressing a poet’s inner feelings; emotional; full of images; song-like

**matter-of-fact--**accepting of conditions; not fanciful or emotional

**mocking-** treating with contempt or ridicule

**morose-** gloomy, sullen, surly, despondent

**malicious-** purposely hurtful

**objective-** an unbiased view-able to leave personal judgments aside

**optimistic-** hopeful, cheerful

**obsequious-** polite and obedient in order to gain something

**patronizing-** air of condescension

**pessimistic-** seeing the worst side of things; no hope

**quizzical-** odd, eccentric, amusing

**ribald-** offensive in speech or gesture

**reverent-** treating a subject with honor and respect

**ridiculing-** slightly contemptuous banter; making fun of

**reflective-** illustrating innermost thoughts and emotions

**sarcastic-**sneering, caustic

**sardonic-** scornfully and bitterly sarcastic

**satiric-** ridiculing to show weakness in order to make a point, teach

**sincere-** without deceit or pretense; genuine

**solemn-** deeply earnest, tending toward sad reflection

**sanguineous -**optimistic, cheerful

**whimsical-** odd, strange, fantastic; fun