Note: Use these words as a guide. Several words can be considered both a tone and a mood.

**ToNe and MoOd words**

**Tone**: The author’s attitude toward the subject that he/she is writing about. You can identify the tone by the diction that an author uses.

**Mood**: The feeling a piece of literature arouses in a reader. The imagery created by the author helps to determine the mood.

Absurd

Accusatory

Admiring

Adoring

Affectionate

Ambiguous

Amused

Angry

Annoyed

Antagonistic

Anxious

Apathetic

Apologetic

Appreciative

Apprehensive

Approving

Arrogant

Authoritative

Bitter

Bold

Bored

Calm

Candid

Casual

Celebratory

Cheerful

Childish

Cold

Comforting

Comic

Commanding

Compassionate

Complicated

Concerned

Condescending

Confident

Confused

Critical

Cynical

Demanding

Depressed

Derogatory

Desperate

Direct

Disappointed

Disbelieving

Disgusted

Disrespectful

Disturbed

Dramatic

Ecstatic

Elated

Embarrassed

Encouraging

Enthusiastic

Exhilarated

Facetious

Factual

Familiar

Fearful

Formal

Frustrated

Happy

Hopeful

Hopeless

Horrified

Humorous

Impassioned

Indifferent

Informal

Informative

Insecure

Irritated

Jubilant

Judgmental

Loving

Malicious

Melancholy

Mocking

Nervous

Nonchalant

Nostalgic

Objective

Ominous

Optimistic

Outraged

Passionate

Pathetic

Patronizing

Pessimistic

Poignant

Pompous

Pretentious

Reassuring

Reflective

Remorseful

Respectful

Respectful

Reverent

Ridiculous

Sarcastic

Selfish

Severe

Shocking

Silly

Sincere

Skeptical

Sly

Solemn

Somber

Straightforward

Suspicious

Sympathetic

Tender

Thoughtful

Threatening

Tragic

Tranquil

Uncertain

Uneasy

Vindictive

Whimsical