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| **WORDS USED TO DESCRIBE TONE IN POETRY** |
|  | **WORD**  | **MEANING** |
| 1. | Apathetic | Feeling/ showing little emotion |
| 2. | Arrogant | Bumptious/ self-important |
| 3. | Audacious | Fearless and daring |
| 4. | Bilious | Bad tempered; cross |
| 5. | Blithe | Joyful, cheerful, or without appropriate thought |
| 6 | Bombastic  | Pompous/ arrogant in speech and manner |
| 7. | Brash | Prone to act in a hasty manner; impudent |
| 8. | Breezy | Lively, cheerful and relaxed |
| 9. | Cantankerous | Bad-tempered; quarrelsome |
| 10. | Caustic/ sarcastic | Biting/ bitter and humorous |
| 11. | Coarse | Conspicuously and tastelessly indecent/ offensive |
| 12. | Complacent | Self-satisfied; smug |
| 13. | Confiding | With trust or faith |
| 14. | Consoling | Affording comfort or solace |
| 15. | Contemptuous  | Feeling of hatred; scornful |
| 16. | Contentious | Argumentative; causing controversy/ quarrel/ disagreement |
| 17. | Contented | Satisfied or showing satisfaction with things as they are |
| 18. | Contradictory | Expressing the opposite; inconsistent |
| 19. | Cynical | Questions the basic sincerity and goodness of people. |
| 20. | Dejected | Downcast or sad; depressed |
| 21. | Dismissive | Show little regard; scornful |
| 22. | Doleful | Mournful or full of sorrow |
| 23. | Dutiful | Obedient |
| 24. | Elegiac | Expressing sorrow or lamentation |
| 25. | Euphoric | Exaggerated feeling of well-being or elation/ joy/delight |
| 26. | Fanciful | Whimsical; freely imaginative based on fantasy not reality |
| 27. | Fervent | Very emotional/ earnest, passionate; extremely hot |
| 28. | Frenetic | Frantic; frenzied/ overexcited/ hysterical |
| 29. | Flippant | Humorous in a disrespectful, casual; rudely amusing/witty. |
| 30. | Frivolous | Of little importance, not worthy of serious attention; not serious |
| 31. | Pessimistic | Gloomy/ negative/ doubtful/ cynical/ distrustful/ suspicious |
| 32. | Haughty | Arrogant, excessively proud and vain |
| 33. | Illusory | Misleading, deceptive; unrealistic |
| 34. | Laconic | Brief, using few words |
| 35. | Macabre | Grisly, horrible, distressing; having death as a subject |
| 36. | Melancholy | Depressed/ downhearted |
| 37. | Nihilistic | Belief that traditional values are useless/ senseless |
| 38. | Panegyric | Elaborate praise |
| 39. | Opprobrious | (For conduct or character) bringing or deserving disgrace/shame |
| 40.  | Nostalgic | Longing for the past |
| 41. | Admiring | Appreciative |
| 42. | Aggressive | Violent |
| 43. | Aggravated | Irritated/ provoked |
| 44. | Contemptuous/ derisive | Scornful/ condescending/ mocking |
| 45. | Pitiful | Miserable |
| 46. | Resigned | Leave out/ surrendered/ prepared to accept |
| 47. | Threatening | Intimidating |
| 48. | Uncertain | Unclear/ unsure |
| 49. | Subdued | Submissive/ gentle |
| 50. | Sympathetic | Compassionate/ considerate |
| **POSITIVE TONE WORDS** | **NEUTRAL** | **NEGATIVE TONE WORDS** |
| Admiring | Hilarious | Commanding | Abhorring | Hostile |
| Adoring | Hopeful | Direct | Acerbic | Impatient |
| Affectionate | Humorous | Impartial | Ambiguous | Incredulous |
| Appreciative | Interested | Indirect | Ambivalent | Indifferent |
| Approving | Introspective | Meditative | Angry | Indignant |
| Bemused | Jovial | Objective | Annoyed | Inflammatory |
| Benevolent | Joyful | Questioning | Antagonistic | Insecure |
| Blithe | Laudatory | Speculative | Anxious | Insolent |
| Calm | Light | Unambiguous | Apathetic | Irreverent |
| Casual | Lively | Unconcerned | Apprehensive | Lethargic |
| Celebratory | Mirthful | Understated | Belligerent | Melancholy |
| Cheerful | Modest |  | Bewildered | Mischievous |
| Comforting | Nostalgic |  | Biting | Miserable |
| Comic | Optimistic |  | Bitter | Mocking |
| Compassionate | Passionate |  | Blunt | Mournful |
| Complimentary | Placid |  | Bossy | Nervous |
| Conciliatory | Playful |  | Cold | Ominous |
| Confident | Poignant |  | Conceited | Outraged |
| Contented | Proud |  | Condescending | Paranoid |
| Delightful | Reassuring |  | Curt | Pathetic |
| Earnest | Reflective |  | Cynical | Patronizing |
| Ebullient | Relaxed |  | Demanding | Pedantic |
| Effusive | Respectful |  | Depressed | Pensive |
| Elated | Reverent |  | Derisive | Pessimistic |
| Empathetic | Romantic |  | Derogatory | Pretentious |
| Excited | Sanguine |  | Desolate | Psychotic |
| Exhilarated | Scholarly |  | Despairing | Resigned |
| Expectant | Self-assured |  | Desperate | Reticent |
| Facetious | Sentimental |  | Detached | Sarcastic |
| Fervent | Serene |  | Diabolic | Sardonic |
| Flippant | Silly |  | Disappointed | Scornful |
| Forthright | Sprightly |  | Disliking | Self-deprecating |
| Friendly | Straightforward |  | Disrespectful | Selfish |
| Funny | Sympathetic |  | Doubtful | Serious |
| Gleeful | Tender |  | Embarrassed | Severe |
| Gushy | Tranquil |  | Enraged | Sinister |
| Happy | Whimsical |  | Evasive | Skeptical |
|  | Wistful |  | Fatalistic | Sly |
|  | Worshipful |  | Forceful | Solemn |
|  | Zealous |  | Foreboding | Stern |
|  |  |  | Frantic | Stolid |
|  |  |  | Frightened | Stressful |
|  |  |  | Frustrated | Strident |
|  |  |  | Furious | Suspicious |
|  |  |  | Gloomy | Tense |
|  |  |  | Grave | Threatening |
|  |  |  | Greedy | Tragic |
|  |  |  | Grim | Uncertain |
|  |  |  | Harsh | Uneasy |
|  |  |  | Haughty | Unfriendly |
|  |  |  | Hopeless | Unsympathetic |
|  |  |  |  | Upset |
|  |  |  |  | Violent |
|  |  |  |  | Wry |

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| **TERMS USED TO DESCRIBE MOOD** |
| **POSITIVE MOOD WORDS** | **NEGATIVE MOOD WORDS** |
| Amused | Jubilant | Aggravated | Insidious |
| Awed | Liberating | Annoyed | Intimidated |
| Bouncy | Light-hearted | Anxious | Irate |
| Calm | Loving | Apathetic | Irritated |
| Cheerful | Mellow | Apprehensive | Jealous |
| Chipper | Nostalgic | Ambivalent | Lethargic |
| Confident | Optimistic | Barren | Lonely |
| Contemplative | Passionate | Brooding | Melancholic |
| Determined | Peaceful | Cold | Merciless |
| Dignified | Playful | Confining | Moody |
| Dreamy | Pleased | Confused | Morose |
| Ecstatic | Refreshed | Cranky | Nauseated |
| Empowered | Rejuvenated | Crushed | Nervous |
| Excited | Relaxed | Cynical | Nightmarish |
| Exhilarated | Relieved | Depressed | Numb |
| Flirty | Satiated | Desolate | Overwhelmed |
| Giddy | Satisfied | Disappointed | Painful |
| Grateful | Sentimental | Discontented | Pensive > thoughtful |
| Harmonious | Silly | Distressed | Pessimistic |
| Hopeful | Surprised | Drained | Predatory > greedy |
| Hyper | Sympathetic | Dreary | Rejected |
| Idyllic | Thankful | Embarrassed | Restless |
| Joyous | Thoughtful | Enraged | Scared |
|  | Touched | Envious | Serious |
|  | Trustful | Exhausted | Sick |
|  | Vivacious | Fatalistic | Somber |
|  | Warm | Foreboding | Stressed |
|  | Welcoming | Frustrated | Suspenseful |
|  |  | Futile | Tense |
|  |  | Gloomy | Terrifying |
|  |  | Grumpy | Threatening |
|  |  | Haunting | Uncomfortable |
|  |  | Heartbroken | Vengeful |
|  |  | Hopeless | Violent |
|  |  | Hostile | Worried |
|  |  | Indifferent |  |
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