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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 |
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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 |
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