

# Vocabulary

<b>Tone Words</b>	<b>Definition</b>	<b>Synonyms</b>
afraid	feeling fear; frightened; apprehensive; or regretful realization	anxious, alarmed
allusive	containing an indirect reference to another work	casual reference
angry	wild and stormy; wrath; indignation; rage; ire	vitriol, fume
apologetic	an acknowledging and expressing regret for a fault, injury, insult, etc.	sorry, remorseful
audacious	too daring; reckless; bold; presumptuous; insolent; impudent	baniam, assuming
bantering	to tease or make fun of in a playful way	railery, joshing
bitter	causing or showing sorrow, discomfort, or pain; grievous; sardonic	acrimonious, embittered
boring	wearying by being dull, uninteresting, etc.	monotonous, hackneyed
candid	honest, outspoken; unbiased, impartial.	frank, genuine
childish	immature; silly; not fit for an adult; juvenile	puerile, pedomorphic
clinical	purely scientific; dispassionately curious	objective, detached
cold	without warmth of feeling; not cordial; chilling and gloomy; calm	unenthusiastic, icy
colloquial	words, phrases or idioms as used in conversation	informal, vernacular
compassionate	to have sorrow for suffering with helpful intent	pity, deep sympathy

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complimentary	paying a compliment; expressing courtesy, respect, admiration, or praise	eulogistic, panegyric
concerned	caring; solicitude; troubled; distressed	bothered, perturbed
condescending	patronizing; to look down one's nose	snobbish, patronizing
confident	bold, daring; having strong belief	poised, secure
confused	to mix up; jumble together; get into disorder; bewildered	addled, muzzy
contemptuous	feelings or actions toward something one regards as low or worthless	opprobrious, arrogant
contentious	argumentative; quarrelsome; dispute; pugnacious	controversial, belligerent
cynical	inclined to question the sincerity of motives or the value of living	skeptical, sneering
detached	not involved by emotion, interests, etc.	aloof, impartial
didactic	morally instructive (unfavorable connotation)	pedantic, pedagogical
diffident	shy, hesitancy to assert; timid	modest, bashful
disdainful	scornful or aloof; proudly disregarding	contemptuous, spurning
dramatic	full of action; highly emotional;	vivid, exciting
dreamy	a fanciful vision; lovely, charming, transitory, etc.	ethereal, heavenly
effusive	expressing excessive emotion in an unrestrained manner	overflowing, irrepressible
elegiac	mournful; plaintive; threnody	melancholy, sad

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facetious	lightly joking, usually at an inappropriate time	jocose, jocular
factual	having the nature of something true	genuine, accurate
fanciful	indulging in imagination or delusion	imaginative, whimsical
formal	high level of language utilizing high vocabulary, complex syntax, etc.	academic, pomp
frivolous	not properly serious or sensible; of little value or importance; trifling	trivial, paltry
giddy	having a whirling, dazed sensation; whirling	reeling, lightheaded
happy	favored by circumstances; having, showing, or sharing a feeling of great pleasure	joyous, pleased
hollow	lacking depth, worthless; not real or meaningful; loneliness	shallow, empty
humorous	funny; amusing; comical; droll	waggish, ribald
impartial	favoring none more than another; without prejudice; just	fair, unbiased
incisive	cutting into; sharp; keen; piercing; acute	trenchant, poignant
indignant	anger or scorn from injustice, cruelty, etc.	resentment, animus
inflammatory	rousing or likely to rouse excitement or violence	vehement, fiery
informal	casual, easy, unceremonious, or relaxed	colloquial, offhand
informative	giving instruction, knowledge or education	advisory, illuminating
insipid	not exciting or interesting; flavorless	dull, inane

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insolent	disrespectful; impertinent; impudent	arrogant, contumelious
intimate	most private or personal or to make known formally; announce	close, innermost
ironic	directly opposite to what is or might be accepted	sarcastic, dissembling
irreverent	showing disrespect; aweless	insolent, impudent
joking	said or done to arouse laughter; not meant to be taken seriously; joshing	joyful, jape
joyful	feeling, expressing, or causing happiness; glad or ecstatic	rapturous, pleasurable
learned	well-informed; erudite	cultured, educated
mock-heroic	burlesquing heroic manner, action, or character	mimic, ape
mock-serious	feigned earnestness or deep thought	imitate solemnity
mocking	to imitate or mimic, as in fun or derision; to hold up to scorn or contempt	ridicule, ape
moralistic	having a clear distinction between right and wrong; preachy	dogmatic, pontifical
nostalgic	having or causing longing for something far away or long ago	homesickness, longing
objective	without bias or prejudice; factual and unshaded	detached, impersonal
patronizing	to show favour or kindness in a condescending manner	snobbish, superior
peaceful	not quarrelsome; free from disorder; calm; quiet	irenic, halcyon
pedantic	unnecessary stress on trivial points of learning; purist	priggish, precisionistic

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petty	tending to make much of small things; narrow-minded; mean; or insignificant	paltry, picayune
pitiful	sorrow felt for another's suffering or misfortune; commiserate	condoling, sympathetic
playful	fond of fun; sportive; humorous, joking, or merry	frolicsome, waggish
pretentious	making claims, explicit or implicit, to some distinction in dignity etc.; or showy	ostentatious; pompous
proud	delight or satisfaction of oneself, achievements, possessions, etc. (can be haughty)	arrogant, superior
restrained	to hold back; curb; check; suppress; or unadorned; unornamented	hold back, plain
sad	having, expressing, or showing low spirits; unhappy; sorrowful	mournful, melancholy
sarcastic	intent to hurt by taunting with mocking ridicule, veiled snickers, etc.	sardonic, caustic
sardonic	disdainfully or bitterly sneering, ironical, or sarcastic	mordant, caustic
satiric	the use of ridicule, sarcasm, irony... to expose, attack, or deride vices, follies...	burlesque, pasquinade
scornful	having or showing contempt and disdain	derisive, rejecting
seductive	tending to persuade to do wrong or evil; lead astray	tempting, enticing
sentimental	having or showing tenderness, emotion, etc. (more emotion than reason)	gushy, bathetic
sharp	harsh; biting; severe, as language, temper, criticism, etc.	harsh, acrimonious
shocked	any sudden disturbance or agitation of the mind or emotions (surprise, disgust, etc.)	dazed, flabbergasted
silly	having or showing little sense, judgement, or sobriety; absurd	foolish, ludicrous



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solemn	serious; grave; deeply earnest; or according to strict form; formal	grim, somber
somber	dark and gloomy; mentally depressed or depressing; dismal; melancholy	sober, sepulchral
sweet	having a friendly, pleasing disposition; characterized by kindness and gentleness	pleasant, harmonious
sympathetic	sameness of feeling; affinity between persons or of one person to another	understand, vicarious
taunting	to reproach in scornful or sarcastic language; jeer at	deride, mock
tired	fatigued and weary; worn-out; fagged out; overused	exhausted, litle
turgid	using, characterized by, or fond of using high-sounding, but unimportant language	grandiloquent, pompous
upset	to perturb; discompose; to physically or (more commonly) mentally distress	bother, disquiet
urgent	insistent; importunity; calling for haste, pressure, etc.; grave; pressing	imperative, exigent
vexed	troubled; annoyed; irritated; or much debated or discussed; brought up over and over	irked, troubled
vibrant	giving the impression of much energetic activity; vigorous; resonant	reverberate, bright
whimsical	oddly out of the ordinary; fantastic; freakish	quaint, eccentric
zealous	ardently devoted to a purpose; fervent; enthusiastic	passionate, fiery