**List of Words to Describe Author’s Tone**

**Tone Meaning**

Apologetic sorry

Appreciative grateful; thankful

Concerned worried or interest

Critical finding fault

Curious wanting to find out more

Defensive defending

Direct straightforward; honest

Disappointed discouraged; unhappy because something went wrong

Encouraging optimistic

Enthusiastic excited; energetic

Formal respectful; appropriate behavior

Frustrated angry because of not being able to do something

Hopeful looking forward to something; optimistic

Humorous funny

Informal not formal; relaxed

Inspirational encouraging; reassuring

Ironic different from what is expected or the opposite of what is meant

Judgmental judging others; critical

Lighthearted happy, carefree

Mocking scornful; ridiculing; making fun of someone

Negative unhappy; pessimistic

Neutral neither good nor bad; neither for nor against

Nostalgic thinking about the past; wishing for something from the past

Objective without prejudice; without discrimination; fair

Optimistic hopeful; cheerful

Pessimistic seeing the bad side of things

Sarcastic scornful; mocking; ridiculing

Satirical making fun of something to show its weakness or teach a lesson

Sentimental thinking about feelings, especially when remembering the past

Sincere honest; truthful; earnest

Sympathetic compassionate; understanding of how someone feels

Urgent insistent; saying something must be done soon

**TAPS:**

**T=Tone**

**A=Audience**

**P=Purpose**

**S=Structure (evidence)**