Tone Words List #1

Be prepared to identify them by definition, as well as in the context of a sentence.

Acrimonious—caustic, biting, or rancorous especially in feeling, language, or manner; bitter or sharp.

Amiable—having or showing pleasant, good-natured personal qualities; affable; friendly; sociable.

Caustic—Corrosive and bitingly trenchant; cutting; Capable of burning, corroding, dissolving, or eating away by chemical action.

Conciliatory—intended or likely to placate, pacify, or appease.

Deferential—polite and showing respect; giving way to the opinions and preferences of other.

Didactic—designed to teach; intended to convey information; morally instructive.

Disparaging—tending to belittle or bring reproach upon.

Equivocal—Open to more than one interpretation; ambiguous; Uncertain or questionable in nature; Non-committal.

Effusive—Expressing feelings of gratitude, pleasure, or approval in an unrestrained or heartfelt manner; demonstrative; expansive.

Facetious—Treating serious issues with deliberately inappropriate humor; flippant; not meant to be taken seriously or literally.

Impartial—not partial or biased; fair; just.

Introspective—Reflective; inward looking; given to self-examination.

Jovial—Cheerful and friendly; joyful; merry.

Judicious—Having, showing, or done with good judgment or sense.

Macabre—gruesome and horrifying; ghastly; of, pertaining to, dealing with, or representing death, especially its grimmer or uglier aspect.

Parochial—very limited or narrow in scope or outlook; provincial.

Pedestrian—lacking inspiration or excitement; dull.

Pejorative—having a disparaging, derogatory, or belittling effect or force.

Pensive—engaged in, involving, or reflecting deep or serious thought.

Sardonic—disdainfully or skeptically humorous: derisively mocking.