

# Terrific words to describe 'tone'

How to use: Just add one of these words before "tone" and voila, you will sound really smart.

## Positive

1. When you're really 'into' someone: Admiring, affectionate, loving
2. Being nice: Gentle, kind, amiable, friendly, enthusiastic
3. The class clown: Humorous, ironic, sarcastic

## Negative

1. "I'm so much better than you": Disdainful, contemptuous, condescending
2. brb crying: Melancholy, despondent, distressed, brooding
3. Chef Gordon Ramsay in *Hell's Kitchen*: Accusatory, bitter, cynical, hostile, resentful, critical, harsh
4. Gordon Ramsay version 2.0?: Arrogant, commanding, aggressive, abusive
5. Nelson from *The Simpsons*: Mocking, ridiculing
6. Jumping off a cliff: fearful, nervous
7. "Ugh...umm": awkward, stilted, stiff

## Neutral or 'in the middle'

1. Chill and honest, like Ryan Gosling: Conversational, candid, casual, sincere
2. I'm always correct: Factual, matter-of-fact, certain
3. Bro, who cares?: Apathetic, nonchalant

# Common vocabulary for atmosphere

- eerie, suspenseful, mysterious
- bustling, energetic, dynamic
- awkward, stilted, uncomfortable
- warm, welcoming, inviting

## Magnificent words for 'mood'

1. Sadness, disappointment
2. Fear
3. Empathy (knowing what someone else is feeling, can be positive or negative emotion)
4. Sympathy (feeling sorry for someone, always a negative emotion)
5. Happiness, joy
6. Humour
7. Shock
8. Disgust

## Easy sentence builders

"The reader experiences a sense of \_\_\_\_\_"

"The reader feels \_\_\_\_\_"

"The language evokes / elicits / creates in the reader an emotion of \_\_\_\_\_"