

describe tone will give your writing a boost. The multiple-choice section of the AP exam will include many questions testing your ability to discern tone and understand words in context—there is one question of this type for nearly every passage.

## TONE VOCABULARY

### POSITIVE ATTITUDE WORDS

amused	exuberant	loving	sentimental
boisterous	exultant	merry	sympathetic
cheery	fanciful	mirthful	tickled
compassionate	festive	nostalgic	whimsical
complimentary	flattering	optimistic	wistful
confident	genial	passionate	witty
effusive	hopeful	playful	
elated	jocular	proud	
enthusiastic	lighthearted	sanguine	

### NEGATIVE ATTITUDE WORDS

accusing	condescending	exacerbated	incensed
admonitory	contemptuous	exasperated	indignant
anxious	critical	facetious	inflammatory
apprehensive	cynical	fearful	insolent
arrogant	depressed	flippant	irate
ashamed	derisive	foreboding	irreverent
bantering	despairing	furious	irritated
bitter	disconcerted	gloomy	livid
chagrined	disdainful	hopeless	manipulative
concerned	disgusted	humorless	melancholic
condemnatory	disturbed	incendiary	mock-serious

mournful	pretentious	scornful	teasing
offensive	resentful	sober	threatening
ominous	resigned	solemn	urgent
outraged	sardonic	somber	vexed
patronizing	satiric	staid	wrathful
pompous	scathing	taunting	

### NEUTRAL ATTITUDE WORDS

abrupt	detached	learned	plain-speaking
authoritative	didactic	lyrical	questioning
candid	dramatic	matter-of-fact	reflective
ceremonial	factual	objective	reminiscent
clinical	informative	official	restrained
coolheaded	instructive	placid	scholarly
cultured			