**dTone Vocabulary Words**

**Tone= speaker or author’s attitude**

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|  | **Tier 1: Basic vocabulary**  **used on a regular/daily**  **basis.** | **Tier 2: Intermediate**  **Vocabulary. Usually used**  **In adult or mature**  **Conversations/writings.** | **Tier 3: Advanced vocabulary usually found in adult discussion/scholarly articles and/or literature.** |
| **Positive** | celebratory  cheerful  comforting  encouraging  excited  funny  hilarious  hopeful  joyful  playful  proud  reassuring  relaxed  respectful  silly | admiring  adoring  affectionate  **compassionate**  **delightful**  **gleeful**  **humorous**  **optimistic**  **reflective**  **sympathetic**  **tender**  **tranquil** | benevolent  elated  flippant  jovial  placid  poignant  reverent  sanguine  whimsical  wistful  worshipful  zealous |
| **Neutral** | commanding  direct  indirect  questioning  straightforward  unconcerned | objective | impartial  speculative  unambiguous |
| **Negative** | angry nervous  annoyed outraged  anxious pathetic  bitter sarcastic  bossy selfish  cold stressed  confused threatening  desperate uncertain  disappointed unfriendly  disrespectful violent  doubtful  fearful  forceful  frightened  frustrated  furious  gloomy  miserable | apprehensive  blunt  diabolic  enraged  harsh  melancholy  paranoid  pessimistic  somber  suspicious  unsympathetic  skeptical | abhorring  ambiguous  ambivalent  apathetic  bewildered  conceited  condescending  contemptuous  fatalistic  hostile  indifferent  ominous  pensive  scornful |