

Tones and Their Meanings

Tone	Meaning
Animated	full of life or excitement; lively; spirited; impassioned;
Appreciative	grateful; thankful; showing pleasure; enthusiastic
Assertive	self-confident; strong-willed
Celebratory	praising; pay tribute to; glorify; honour
Compassionate	sympathetic; empathetic; warm-hearted; tolerant; kind
Curious	wanting to find out more; inquisitive; questioning
Diplomatic	tactful; subtle; sensitive; thoughtful
Direct	straightforward; honest
Empathetic	understanding; kind; sensitive
Formal	respectful; stilted; factual; following accepted styles/rules

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Gentle	kind; considerate; mild; soft
Humble	deferential; modest
Intense	earnest; passionate; concentrated; deeply felt
Inspirational	encouraging; reassuring
Optimistic	hopeful; cheerful
Sincere	honest; truthful; earnest
Thoughtful	reflective; serious; absorbed
Virtuous	lawful; righteous; moral; upstanding