

AP English Literature and Composition

Tone Vocabulary 11

acrimonious

rancorous, hostile, caustic, discordant

circumspect

cautious, prudent, wary, guarded

duplicitous

crafty, deceitful, equivocating, dissembling, cunning, guileful

fatuous

foolish, inane, absurd, idiotic

insipid

characterless, dull, bland, colorless, flat, uninteresting

lugubrious

mournful, melancholy, gloomy, doleful

pragmatic

realistic, sensible, practical, matter-of-fact

stolid

emotionless, unresponsive, detached, unaffected

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Tone Vocabulary 12

apathetic

indifferent, uninterested, emotionless, unconcerned

complacent

self-satisfied, smug, unworried, content

disquieted

disturbed, uneasy, worried, anxious, unsettled, discomposed

futile

pointless, fruitless, ineffectual, vain

idiosyncratic

eccentric, distinctive, peculiar

meticulous

fastidious, punctilious, scrupulous, detailed

pedantic

arcane, doctrinaire, nit-picking, sophistic

rueful

regretted, remorseful, apologetic, pitiable

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benign

kind, benevolent, gentle, compassionate

didactic

moralistic, edifying, instructive

hackneyed

stale, trite, clichéd, unoriginal

irascible

petulant, testy, hot-tempered, touchy

morose

miserable, gloomy, sullen, pessimistic

sagacious

erudite, astute, learned, wise

vapid

insipid, lifeless, uninspiring, dull

wry

ironic, cynical, sardonic, satirical

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Tone Vocabulary 14

ardent

passionate, fervent, zealous, devoted

coddled

pampered, indulged, cosseted, overprotected

derisive

scornful, contemptuous, mocking, sardonic

enamored

infatuated, captivated, charmed, enthralled, rapt

impudent

impertinent, insolent, disrespectful

invidious

odious, offensive, critical, envious

parochial

insular, prejudiced, bigoted, small-minded, reactionary

venerable

respected, august, esteemed, admired

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Tone Vocabulary 15

benevolent

sympathetic, compassionate, humane, caring

churlish

rude, boorish, truculent, coarse

dubious

skeptical, disbelieving, incredulous, unconvinced

facile

superficial, depthless, shallow, petty

manipulated

controlled, dominated, swayed

narcissistic

vain, self-absorbed, egotistical, conceited

repugnant

nauseating, repulsive, vile, loathsome

volcanic

unstable, explosive, unpredictable, volatile

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Tone Vocabulary 16

angst-ridden

tormented, anxious, anguished, worried

caustic

scathing, sarcastic, cutting, mordant, acerbic

embittered

sour, resentful, cynical, disillusioned

gullible

naïve, susceptible, credulous, trusting

intrepid

fearless, valiant, courageous, bold

nostalgic

homesick, longing, reflective

potent

influential, authoritative, powerful, forceful, compelling

self-effacing

diffident, unassuming, modest, meek

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Tone Vocabulary 17

belligerent

combative, confrontational, bellicose, pugnacious, truculent

deferential

respectful, reverent, admiring, courteous

idolatrous

worshipful, devoted, reverential

naïve

inexperienced, immature, unsophisticated

pensive

thoughtful, longing, reflective, contemplative

resigned

acquiescent, submissive, yielding

stoical

enduring, tolerant, uncomplaining, long-suffering

vindictive

malevolent, spiteful, cruel, ruthless

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Tone Vocabulary 18

cynical

negative, gloomy, pessimistic glum, distrustful

deluded

misled, deceived, duped, tricked

disdainful

sneering, derisive, contemptuous, scornful, mocking

inept

incompetent, bungling, unskilled

miffed

annoyed, offended, peeved, irked

patronizing

condescending, denigrating, belittling, haughty

stern

austere, unyielding, inflexible, strict, severe

woeful

doleful, grievous, lamenting, mournful

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Tone Vocabulary 19

adamant

obdurate, inflexible, obstinate, unyielding, resolute

banal

commonplace, trite, hackneyed, dull, clichéd

deprecatory

derogatory, sneering, critical, sniping, uncomplimentary

flippant

frivolous, glib, superficial, facetious

infatuated

besotted, smitten, lovesick

pernicious

destructive, harmful, deadly, insidious, malicious

sedate

composed, unflappable, placid, serene, dignified

voracious

avaricious, greedy, gluttonous, ravenous, insatiable

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Tone Vocabulary 20

affable

genial, amiable, pleasant, friendly, sociable, jovial

demoralized

dispirited, disheartened, deflated, crestfallen

ecstatic

overjoyed, blissful, rapturous

imprudent

careless, rash, irresponsible, thoughtless, unwise

loathsome

hateful, despicable, repugnant, odious, abhorrent

placid

serene, tranquil, undisturbed, calm

querulous

argumentative, complaining, petulant, irritable

subservient

submissive, compliant, docile, meek