**\*Tone / Attitude Words**

*\* The* ***author's*** *attitude to his / her subject which creates the emotional atmosphere or mood.*

*Remember that speaker/narrator’s attitude may differ from author’s. eg. Author may present narrator’s character*

*in an ironic/satiric tone -> Dickens’ satiric, ironic tone in presenting Pip‘s character in Great Expectations.*

1. **lyrical** - expressive of inner feelings; emotional; full of images; song-like

2. **contemplative/reflective**-studying, thinking, reflecting on an issue

3. **satirical** – humorously critical

4. **cynical**-questions the basic sincerity and goodness of people

5. **awe** -wonder

6. **ironic** – opposite in meaning to what is expressed

7. **irreverent** – disrespectful, critical of

8. **optimistic** - hopeful; cheerful

9. **objective** - unbiased

10. **intimate**-very familiar

11. **whimsical** - odd, fantastic, imaginative

12. accusatory-accusing

13. apathetic-indifferent

14. bitter

15. condescending-a feeling of superiority

16. callous-unfeeling, insensitive

17. **critical**

18. contemptuous- showing or feeling that something is worthless; disrespectful

19. caustic- sarcastic, stinging, biting

20. conventional-lacking spontaneity, originality, individuality

21. disdainful - scornful

22. didactic - instructive, academic

23. derisive-ridiculing; mocking

24. earnest-intense; sincere

25. erudite - learned, polished, scholarly

26. fanciful - imaginative

27. forthright- frank

28. gloomy- dark; sad

29. haughty-proud; vain ; arrogant

30. indignant- angry

31. **judgmental**- critical

32. matter - of-fact- accepting of conditions; not fanciful or emotional

33. mocking - ridiculing, scornful

34. morose - gloomy, sullen, despondent

35. malicious - hurtful

36. obsequious - polite; obedient, hopeful of gain

37. patronizing - condescending

38. pessimistic - seeing the worst side of things

39. quizzical-odd, eccentric, amusing

40. ridiculing - critical

41. reflective - revealing thought

42. sarcastic - sneering, caustic

43. sardonic-scornfully and bitterly sarcastic

44. solemn – serious