

VCE ENGLISH: LIST OF TONE WORDS FOR LANGUAGE ANALYSIS

	Example	Synonyms
Calm	<i>'I understand that this issue can be emotional for some, but it is important that we address it.'</i>	Logical, rational, moderate, respectful, sensible, considered, earnest, reasoned, controlled
Matter of fact	<i>'If we don't do something about this now, our future is not looking very positive.'</i>	Unemotional, practical, sensible, realistic, rational, pragmatic, frank, blunt
Kind/Caring	<i>'If you are also going through this, know that I am right there with you.'</i>	Compassionate, empathetic, understanding, amicable, thoughtful, selfless, warm, sympathetic
Hopeful	<i>'I promise that things will get better for me, for you and the world. I will make sure of it.'</i>	Positive, optimistic, promising, encouraging,
Excited	<i>'The positive response to the survey was inspiring to see!'</i>	Confident, passionate, enthusiastic, hopeful, cheerful, delighted, elated, ecstatic, buoyant, exuberant, animated, boisterous
Funny	<i>'It was like watching elephants on ice-skates!'</i>	Humorous, comical, amusing, playful, jubilant
Over-the-top	<i>'It is almost like we have captured the dolphins and put them into prisons!'</i>	Dramatic, hyperbole, excessive, exaggerated, extravagant
Passionate	<i>'I am so keen to see the outcome of this inquiry into Global Warming.'</i>	Spirited, inspired, impassioned, heartfelt, fervent, vehement
Disappointed	<i>'The treatment that they receive on a daily is just disappointing to witness in this day and age.'</i>	Disheartened, upset, dissatisfied, discouraged, dismayed
Sad	<i>'It was very tough to witness my best friend going through something as hard as that.'</i>	Cheerless, woeful, sorrowful, pessimistic, dispirited, gloomy, miserable, depressed, regretful
Worried	<i>'I am very worried to see what our future is going to become, if we keep ignoring this issue.'</i>	Anxious, troubled, bothered, distressed, concerned, fearful, hopeless, alarmed, agitated
Firm	<i>'We need to do something about this now, not in 20 years. That is too late.'</i>	Assertive, certain, commanding, authoritative, harsh
Disrespectful	<i>'Those people's opinions are completely and utterly incorrect. Their audacity is unbelievable.'</i>	Ridiculing, sarcastic, incredulous, rude, impolite, ungracious, ill-mannered, inconsiderate, accusatory, insulting, condemnatory

ATAR Notes

Shocked	<i>'How is it possible that 14 million tons of plastic end up in the ocean each year!?'</i>	Stunned, startled, astonished, surprised, dismayed, offended, astounded, mortified
Angry	<i>'It is absolutely appalling to see people being so ignorant when the issue is affecting their everyday lives!'</i>	Aggressive, appalled, antagonistic, irritated, exasperated, displeased, furious, enraged, outraged