

DESCRIBING ACTING – Comprehensive Word Bank

TONE OF VOICE				
harsh	agitated	suspicious	melancholic	crude
calm	reflective	accusative	jolly	concerned
friendly	relaxed	controlled	lively	civil
placid	pleading	regretful	cheery	urgent
arrogant	imperative	amused	patronising	commanding
aggressive	indecisive	bemused	scornful	ecstatic
cheerful	intrigued	insightful	chauvinistic	malicious
confident	curious	frightened	sorrowful	villainous
appeasing	exasperated	sardonic	crest-fallen	motherly
sly	overwhelmed	joyful	glum	amorous
insistent	disheartened	depressed	irate	ignorant
proud	harsh	reminiscent	incensed	devious
questioning	solemn	formal	passionate	zany
timid	surprised	informal	mischiefous	scared
whining	shocked	positive	lusty	sad
excitable	remorseful	pessimistic	lecherous	anxious
courageous	elated	neutral	sleazy	superior
sulking	argumentative	indifferent	canny	authoritative
miserable	insolent	optimistic	coarse	apprehensive
encouraging	annoyed	assertive	stern	wary
suspicious	satisfied	patronising	nervous	inquisitive
boastful	serious	rough	bitter	tender
convincing	demoralised	coarse	perplexed	hopeful
reassuring	understanding	cool	fiery	zealous
frightened	sincere	happy	elated	angry
sarcastic	condescending	serene	jocular	firm
melodramatic	offensive	caring	flirtatious	irritating
excited	whinging			

VOCAL TECHNIQUES

elements of voice

pace	pitch	volume	emphasis
accent	projection	pause	timbre
intonation	tone		

ways to use voice

WAYS OF SITTING/STANDING

FACIAL EXPRESSION

GESTURES

WAYS OF WALKING/MOVING

EMOTIONAL – ADVERBS AND ADJECTIVES