

Lofty – high, refined, exalted.
 Lugubrious – excessively sorrowful or mournful.
 Maternal – motherly, nurturing.
 Maudlin – overly or tearfully sentimental.
 Melancholy – gently sad, depressed.
 Mellifluous – soothing and sweet, musical.
 Moralistic – concerned with values of right and wrong.
 Moralizing – lecturing others on their low morals, superior.
 Mournful – expressing deep sadness.
 Mystical – concerned with the spiritual or supernatural.
 Naïve – unsophisticated, simplistic, overly trusting.
 Nostalgic – expressing bittersweet or sentimental remembrance of the past.
 Objective – free from feelings or prejudices, unbiased.
 Ominous – menacing, suggesting approaching doom.
 Optimistic – displaying a hopeful view of the future.
 Partial – showing preference.
 Paternal – fatherly, protective.
 Patronizing – condescending, treating as inferior.
 Pedantic – overly concerned with rules or details.
 Perverse – intentionally deviating from social norms.
 Pessimistic – displaying a hopeless view of the future.
 Petty – concerned with narrow or small ideas.
 Phlegmatic – not easily excited or annoyed.
 Pompous – overly self-important.
 Portentous – serious and significant (esp. in regard to the future).
 Practical – concerned with actual facts rather than theory.
 Precious – too carefully refined, "cutesy".
 Precocious – wise or skilled beyond one's age (sometimes neg.).
 Pretentious – extravagantly and consciously showy.
 Prosaic – unimaginative, pedestrian, simplistic.
 Réverent – respectful, awe-filled.
 Saccharine – excessively sentimental, sickeningly sweet.
 Salacious – crudely sexual, "sleazy".
 Sanguine – cheerfully optimistic.
 Sardonic – bitterly scornful, mocking, sarcastic.
 Satiric – humorously critical, ironic.
 Sensual – relating to physical (esp. sexual) pleasure.
 Sensuous – pleurably engaging the senses.
 Sentimental – unduly emotional.
 Shrewd – exercising sharp and insightful judgment.
 Shrewish – quarrelsome and ill-tempered.
 Shriil – harsh and intense, irritating.
 Somber – gloomy and serious.
 Staid – sedate and serious.
 Stoic – unemotional, patiently enduring hardship.
 Supercilious – full of contempt and arrogance.
 Surreal – suggesting the bizarre or fantastic.
 Taunting – provocatively insulting, sarcastic.
 Terse – brief and unfriendly.
 Turgid – pompous and boring.
 Urbane – sophisticated, refined.
 Vibrant – lively, energetic, vivid.
 Visionary – displaying clear and imaginative foresight.
 Whimsical – given to fanciful and imaginative ideas.
 Witty – cleverly using words to amuse.