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| **WORD** | **DEFINITION** |
| ambivalent | having mixed feelings about someone or something; being unable to choose between two (usually opposing) courses or action |
| caustic | severely critical or sarcastic |
| colloquial | characteristic of or appropriate to ordinary or familiar conversation rather than formal speech or writing; informal |
| contentious | tending to argument or strife; quarrelsome |
| didactic | teaching or intending to teach a moral lesson |
| disdainful | showing contempt or lack of respect |
| earnest | showing sincere and intense conviction |
| effusive | marked by the expression of great or excessive emotion or enthusiasm |
| emphatic | expressed, spoken, or done with emphasis |
| exhilarated | full of joy, happiness, and excitement |
| exuberant | effusively and almost uninhibitedly enthusiastic; lavishly abundant |
| fervent | exhibiting or marked by great intensity of feeling |
| flippant | lacking proper respect or seriousness |
| indifferent | marked by impartiality; unbiased |
| indignant | feeling or showing anger or annoyance at what is perceived as unfair treatment |
| jovial | cheerful and friendly |
| lugubrious | mournful, dismal, or gloomy, especially in an affected, exaggerated, or unrelieved manner |
| nonchalant | coolly unconcerned, indifferent, or unexcited; casual |
| nostalgic | a sentimental or wistful yearning for the happiness felt in a former place, time, or situation |
| objective | not influenced by personal feelings, interpretations, or prejudice; based on facts; unbiased |
| pedantic | overly concerned with minute details or formalisms, especially with teaching |
| pompous | affectedly and irritatingly grand, solemn, or self-important; pretentious |
| prudent | acting or showing care and thought for the future; wise |
| sanguine | optimistic or positive, especially in an apparently bad or difficult situation |
| sardonic | grimly mocking or cynical |
| scholarly | having or showing knowledge, learning, or devotion to academic pursuits |
| vehement | strongly emotional; intense or passionate; characterized by rancor or anger |
| wary | cautious; being on one's guard against danger |
| whimsical | playfully quaint or fanciful, especially in an appealing and amusing way; acting or behaving in an unpredictable manner |
| wistful | having or showing a feeling of vague or regretful longing |