

<u>WORD</u>	<u>DEFINITION OR SYNONYM</u>	<u>EXAMPLE</u>
ACCUSING	blaming	The policeman was accusing the man of stealing a wallet.
AFFECTIONATE	showing fondness towards someone	Most mothers are affectionate to their babies by giving them lots of kisses and cuddles.
AGHAST	horrified, astonished, alarmed	Jane was aghast when she discovered her house had been burgled.
ALARMED	fearful, worried, filled with anxiety	Claire was alarmed when she thought she was being followed home.
AMUSED	finding something funny	I was amused by a funny joke someone told me.
ANNOYED	irritated, displeased	Jack was annoyed when he found out he had missed the last bus home.
ANTICIPATING	expecting	At the start of the football match, the fans were anticipating a quick goal.
ANXIOUS	worried, tense, uneasy	The student was feeling anxious before taking her final exams.
APOLOGETIC	feeling sorry	The waiter was very apologetic when he spilt soup all over the customer.
ARROGANT	conceited, self-important, having a big opinion of oneself	The arrogant man thought he knew more about politics than everyone else in the room.
ASHAMED	overcome with shame or guilt	The boy felt ashamed when his mother discovered him stealing money from her purse.
ASSERTIVE	confident, dominant, sure of oneself	The assertive woman demanded that the shop give her a refund.
BAFFLED	confused, puzzled, dumbfounded	The detectives were completely baffled by the murder case.
BEWILDERED	utterly confused, puzzled, dazed	The child was bewildered when visiting the big city for the first time.
CAUTIOUS	careful, wary	Sarah was always a bit cautious when talking to someone she did not know.
COMFORTING	consoling, compassionate	The nurse was comforting the wounded soldier.
CONCERNED	worried, troubled	The doctor was concerned when his patient took a turn for the worse.
CONFIDENT	self-assured, believing in oneself	The tennis player was feeling very confident about winning his match.
CONFUSED	puzzled, perplexed	Lizzie was so confused by the directions given to her, she got lost.
CONTEMPLATIVE	reflective, thoughtful, considering	John was in a contemplative mood on the eve of his 60 th birthday.
CONTENTED	satisfied	After a nice walk and a good meal, David felt very contented .
CONVINCED	certain, absolutely positive	Richard was convinced he had come to the right decision.
CURIOUS	inquisitive, inquiring, prying	Louise was curious about the strange shaped parcel.
DECIDING	making your mind up	The man was deciding whom to vote for in the election.
DECISIVE	already made your mind up	Jane looked very decisive as she walked into the polling station.
DEFIANT	insolent, bold, don't care what anyone else thinks	The animal protester remained defiant even after being sent to prison.
DEPRESSED	miserable	George was depressed when he didn't receive any birthday cards.
DESIRE	passion, lust, longing for	Kate had a strong desire for chocolate.
DESPONDENT	gloomy, despairing, without hope	Gary was despondent when he did not get the job he wanted.
DISAPPOINTED	displeased, disgruntled	Manchester United fans were disappointed not to win the Championship.
DISPIRITED	glum, miserable, low	Adam was dispirited when he failed his exams.
DISTRUSTFUL	suspicious, doubtful, wary	The old woman was distrustful of the stranger at her door.
DOMINANT	commanding, bossy	The sergeant major looked dominant as he inspected the new recruits.
DOUBTFUL	dubious, suspicious, not really believing	Mary was doubtful that her son was telling the truth.
DUBIOUS	doubtful, suspicious	Peter was dubious when offered a surprisingly cheap television in a pub.
EAGER	keen	On Christmas morning, the children were eager to open their presents.
EARNEST	having a serious intention	Harry was very earnest about his religious beliefs.
EMBARRASSED	ashamed	After forgetting a colleague's name, Jenny felt very embarrassed .

ENCOURAGING	hopeful, heartening, supporting	All the parents were encouraging their children in the school sports day.
ENTERTAINED	absorbed and amused or pleased by something	I was very entertained by the magician.
ENTHUSIASTIC	very eager, keen	Susan felt very enthusiastic about her new fitness plan.
FANTASIZING	daydreaming	Emma was fantasizing about being a film star.
FASCINATED	captivated, really interested	At the seaside, the children were fascinated by the creatures in the rock pools.
FEARFUL	terrified, worried	In the dark streets, the women felt fearful .
FLIRTATIOUS	brazen, saucy, teasing, playful	Connie was accused of being flirtatious when she winked at a stranger at a party.
FLUSTERED	confused, nervous and upset	Sarah felt a bit flustered when she realized how late she was for the meeting and that she had forgotten an important document.
FRIENDLY	sociable, amiable	The friendly girl showed the tourists the way to the town center.
GRATEFUL	thankful	Kelly was very grateful for the kindness shown by the stranger.
GUILTY	feeling sorry for doing something wrong	Charlie felt guilty about having an affair.
HATEFUL	showing intense dislike	The two sisters were hateful to each other and always fighting.
HOPEFUL	optimistic	Larry was hopeful that the post would bring good news.
HORRIFIED	terrified, appalled	The man was horrified to discover that his new wife was already married.
HOSTILE	unfriendly	The two neighbors were hostile towards each other because of an argument about loud music.
IMPATIENT	restless, wanting something to happen soon	Jane grew increasingly impatient as she waited for her friend who was already 20 minutes late.
IMPLORING	begging, pleading	Nicola looked imploring as she tried to persuade her dad to lend her the car.
INCREDULOUS	not believing	Simon was incredulous when he heard that he had won the lottery.
INDECISIVE	unsure, hesitant, unable to make your mind up	Tammy was so indecisive that she couldn't even decide what to have for lunch.
INDIFFERENT	disinterested, unresponsive, don't care	Terry was completely indifferent as to whether they went to the cinema or the pub.
INSISTING	demanding, persisting, maintaining	After a work outing, Frank was insisting he paid the bill for everyone.
INSULTING	rude, offensive	The football crowd was insulting the referee after he gave a penalty.
INTERESTED	inquiring, curious	After seeing Jurassic Park, Hugh grew very interested in dinosaurs.
INTRIGUED	very curious, very interested	A mystery phone call intrigued Zoe.
IRRITATED	exasperated, annoyed	Frances was irritated by all the junk mail she received.
JEALOUS	envious	Tony was jealous of all the taller, better-looking boys in his class.
JOKING	being funny, playful	Gary was always joking with his friends.
NERVOUS	apprehensive, tense, worried	Just before her job interview, Alice felt very nervous .
OFFENDED	insulted, wounded, having hurt feelings	When someone made a joke about her weight, Martha felt very offended .
PANICKED	distraught, feeling of terror or anxiety	On waking to find the house on fire, the whole family was panicked .
PENSIVE	thinking about something slightly worrying	Susie looked pensive on the way to meeting her boyfriend's parents for the first time.
PERPLEXED	bewildered, puzzled, confused	Frank was perplexed by the disappearance of his garden gnomes.
PLAYFUL	full of high spirits and fun	Neil was feeling playful at his birthday party.
PREOCCUPIED	absorbed, engrossed in one's own thoughts	Worrying about her mother's illness made Debbie preoccupied at work
PUZZLED	perplexed, bewildered, confused	After doing the crossword for an hour, June was still puzzled by one clue.
REASSURING	supporting, encouraging, giving someone confidence	Andy tried to look reassuring as he told his wife that her new dress did suit her.
REFLECTIVE	contemplative, thoughtful	George was in a reflective mood as he thought about what he'd done with his life.

REGRETFUL	sorry	Lee was always regretful that he had never travelled when he was younger.
RELAXED	taking it easy, calm, carefree	On holiday, Pam felt happy and relaxed .
RELIEVED	freed from worry or anxiety	At the restaurant, Ray was relieved to find that he had not forgotten his wallet.
RESENTFUL	bitter, hostile	The businessman felt very resentful towards his younger colleague who had been promoted above him.
SARCASTIC	cynical, mocking, scornful	The comedian made a sarcastic comment when someone came into the theatre late.
SATISFIED	content, fulfilled	Steve felt very satisfied after he had got his new flat just how he wanted it.
SKEPTICAL	doubtful, suspicious, mistrusting	Patrick looked skeptical as someone read out his horoscope to him.
SERIOUS	solemn, grave	The bank manager looked serious as he refused Nigel an overdraft.
STERN	severe, strict, firm	The teacher looked very stern as he told the class off.
SUSPICIOUS	disbelieving, suspecting, doubting	After Sam had lost his wallet for the second time at work, he grew suspicious of one of his colleagues.
SYMPATHETIC	kind, compassionate	The nurse looked sympathetic as she told the patient the bad news.
TENTATIVE	hesitant, uncertain, cautious	Andrew felt a bit tentative as he went into the room full of strangers.
TERRIFIED	alarmed, fearful	The boy was terrified when he thought he saw a ghost.
THOUGHTFUL	thinking about something	Phil looked thoughtful as he sat waiting for the girlfriend he was about to finish with.
THREATENING	menacing, intimidating	The large, drunken man was acting in a very threatening way.
UNEASY	unsettled, apprehensive, troubled	Karen felt slightly uneasy about accepting a lift from the man she had only met that day.
UPSET	agitated, worried, uneasy	The man was very upset when his mother died.
WORRIED	anxious, fretful, troubled	When her cat went missing, the girl was very worried .