

Character Moods or Emotions

Your character can be more than just "happy" or "sad." Check these lists for emotions that are stronger, more exact, or just plain more interesting than overused emotional tags.

Happy: festive, contented, relaxed, calm, complacent, satisfied, serene, comfortable, peaceful, optimistic, joyous, ecstatic, enthusiastic, inspired, glad, pleased, grateful, cheerful, excited, optimistic, lighthearted, carefree, playful, elated, jubilant, thrilled

Sad: depressed, low, dismal, dreary, dull, moody, sulky, defeated, pessimistic, hopeless, melancholy, somber, despairing, miserable

Hurt: offended, upset, disappointed, heartbroken, crushed

Angry: annoyed, irritated, cross, frustrated, grumpy, angry, provoked, offended, indignant, hostile, irate, furious, fuming, enraged

Afraid: fearful, frightened, timid, cautious, concerned, apprehensive, alarmed, nervous, anxious, worried, hesitant, threatened, scared, petrified, terrified

Loving: accepting, understanding, sharing, affectionate, close, warm, tender, passionate

Interested: eager, enthusiastic, intrigued, absorbed, excited, inquisitive, intent, earnest, fascinated, engrossed

Confident: calm, secure, independent, brave, loyal, courageous, strong, respected, empowered

Doubtful: uncertain, hesitant, indecisive, wavering, insecure, skeptical, dubious, suspicious, distrustful

Shame: uncomfortable, embarrassed, humiliated, weak

Miscellaneous: puzzled, confused, torn, jealous, envious, distant, evasive, stubborn, impulsive, cruel, preoccupied, bored, powerless.

Descriptive Words for Characters: General Qualities

Positive			Negative		
Admirable	Gentle	Phlegmatic	Apathetic	Indiscreet	Rebellious
Altruistic	Gullible	Plucky	Arrogant	Inefficient	Recalcitrant
Ambitious	Humane	Punctual	Artificial	Insensitive	Reckless
Aristocratic	Humble	Radical	Avaricious	Insidious	Refractory
Artless	Illustrious	Reactionary	Boastful	Insignificant	Remiss
Assiduous	Imperturbable	Refined	Brutish	Intolerant	Reprehensible
Audacious	Imposing	Reserved	Bumptious	Iresolute	Ruthless
Benevolent	Impressive	Resolute	Bungling	Irresponsible	Sanctimonious
Candid	Indifferent	Resourceful	Callous	Lackadaisical	Scurrilous
Cautious	Indomitable	Responsive	Capricious	Lazy	Self-centered
Charitable	Indulgent	Reticent	Complacent	Lethargic	Self-indulgent
Circumspect	Industrious	Saturnine	Conceited	Listless	Silly
Compassionate	Influential	Saucy	Contemptible	Malicious	Slothful
Confident	Ingenious	Scrupulous	Contemptuous	Malignant	Smug
Conscientious	Intrepid	Sedate	Cowardly	Mediocre	Squeamish
Conservative	Kindly	Self-impassive	Craven	Mercenary	Stingy
Considerate	Laconic	Self-reliant	Cruel	Mischievous	Stubborn
Courageous	Liberal	Sensitive	Dilatory	Mulish	Timorous
Coy	Long-suffering	Serious	Disdainful	Obdurate	Traitorous
Cultured	Magnanimous	Shy	Dogmatic	Obnoxious	Treacherous
Demure	Meek	Sober	Dominating	Obstinate	Truculent
Determined	Melancholic	Solemn	Eccentric	Odd	Unambitious
Diffident	Merciful	Staid	Egotistical	Oppressive	Unreliable
Diligent	Moody	Stoical	Envious	Ordinary	Unruly
Discreet	Manificent	Strong-willed	Erratic	Overconfident	Unstable
Distinguished	Naïve	Sympathetic	Fastidious	Parasitic	Vain
Earnest	Natural	Tactful	Fickle	Parasitic	Vernal
Efficient	Noble	Thrifty	Frivolous	Parasimonious	Vindictive
Eloquent	Nonchalant	Timid	Gluttonous	Perfidious	Voracious
Eminent	Patient	Tolerant	Haughty	Petty	Wearisome
Enthusiastic	Pensive	Unaffected	Headstrong	Pharisaical	Willful
Flippanant	Persevering	Uncompromising	Hypocritical	Pompous	Worthless
Forbearing	Persistent	Valorous	Imperious	Prejudiced	
Frugal	Persuasive	Wary	Impetuous	Prolix	
Garrulous	Pert	Well-bred	Imprudent	Proud	
Generous	Philanthropic	Whimsical	Impulsive	Quixotic	
Geatle	Philosophical	Witty	Incompetent	Rash	
		Zealous			