

AP E11 – Vocabulary 18 - Academic Verbs and Tone Words

Adjectives:

Apathetic – Showing or feeling no interest, enthusiasm, or concern

Ambivalent - Having mixed feelings or contradictory ideas about something

Disdainful - Showing contempt or scorn for anything regarded as unworthy

Haughty – Arrogantly superior and disdainful

Audacious - Showing willingness to take surprisingly bold risks; showing a lack of respect

Melancholy - Feeling sad or gloomy; pensive

Reverent - Feeling or showing deep solemn respect

Authoritative - Able to be trusted as being accurate or true; commanding and self-confident

Obnoxious - Highly objectionable or offensive; annoyingly attractive

Nostalgic - Sentimental longing or wistful affection for the past

Verbs:

Patronize - Treat with an apparent kindness that betrays a feeling of superiority

Speculate - Form a theory or conjecture about a subject without evidence

Overstate - To exaggerate or express too strongly

Understate - Describe or represent something as being smaller than it really is

Personify - Represent or embody a quality, concept, or thing

Suppress - Prevent the development, action, or expression of

Vacillate – Alternate or waver between different opinions or actions; to be indecisive

Regard – Consider or think of someone or something in a specified way

Propose - Put forward an idea or plan for consideration

Qualify - To make (a statement or assertion) less absolute; add reservations to