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Tone Words:

Acerbic- harsh or severe, as of temper or expression	Admonishing- cautioning, advising, or counseling against something; scolding
Ambivalent- uncertainty or fluctuation, esp. when caused by inability to make a choice	Antagonistic- acting in opposition; opposing, esp. mutually hostile; unfriendly
Apathetic- having or showing little or no emotion/ not interested or concerned	Apprehensive- uneasy or fearful about something that might happen
Condescending- talking down to someone; speaking as if they are less important	Contemptuous- someone who is full of hatred for someone else
Contentious- someone who is argumentative or a situation which is tense or hostile	Critical- someone who tends to make judgements and find fault with others
Desperate- reckless or dangerous because of despair or urgency/ having an urgent need, desire	Enraged- to make extremely angry; put into a rage
Inflammatory- tending to arouse anger, hostility, passion, etc.	Mocking- to make fun of someone in a mean way
Taunting- to tease or insult by deliberately saying or doing something mean	Blunt- someone who speaks in a direct, sometimes rude way

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## Tone in Chapter 15 of *A Long Way Gone*

**Instructions:** For each of the following quotes, give the tone word that best describes the tone of the sentences and then explain how the diction of the quote supports the tone you chose.

1. Pg. 126, "My squad was my family, my gun was my provider and protector, and my rule was to kill or be killed."
2. Pg. 127, "What was happening? Our faces followed the lieutenant as he walked to his house. Why had the lieutenant decided to give us up to these civilians?"
3. Pg. 133, "'Do you boys want this to be your last meal, or do you want to answer his question?' I threatened the other boys."
4. Pg. 134, "'What kind of army person wears only civilian clothes? Did these sissy civilians who brought you here make you wear those clothes? You must be a weak soldier then.'"
5. Pg. 134, "'We fought for the RUF; the army is the enemy. We fought for freedom, and the army killed my family and destroyed my village. I will kill any of the army bastards every time I get a chance to do so.'"