

1. [təʊn] *n*1. **тон; звук**

low [high] tone - низкий [высокий] тон

harsh [gentle, sweet, silvery] tone - резкий [мягкий, нежный, серебристый] тон

heart tones - тоны сердца

2. 1) **эмоциональный оттенок окраска голоса, голос, тон**

angry [loving, serious] tone - сердитый [ласковый, серьёзный] тон

a tone of entreaty [of apology] - умоляющий [извиняющийся] тон /голос/

a tone of contempt - презрительный тон

in a wounded tone (of voice) - обиженным тоном

to speak in an impatient tone - говорить нетерпеливо

to raise the tone of one's voice - повысить голос

to change one's tone - изменить тон

2) **характер, стиль**

the tone of a letter - тон /стиль/ письма

the tone of a conversation - характер /тон/ разговора

to give tone to, to set the tone - придавать характер, задавать тон

an epigraph from Hardy sets the tone - эпитафия из Харди определяет/задаёт/ тональность (книги)

there is a satiric tone to the book - книга написана в сатирическом ключе

3. 1) **общая атмосфера обстановка**

a school with a good, healthy tone - школа, где существует хорошая, здоровая атмосфера

the house has a conservativetone - в доме царит консервативный дух

a tone of quiet elegance prevails in her house - всё в её доме выдержано в духе ненавязчивой элегантности

2) **элегантность, изысканность**4. **муз.** **звук, тон**

whole tone - целый тон

quarter tone - четверть тона

clean tone - чистый звук /тон/

tone quality - тембр (*музыкального инструмента*)

the piano has an excellent tone - пианино отлично звучит, у пианино прекрасный звук

do you like the tone of the radio? - вам нравится звук этого (радио)приёмника?

5. **фон.**1) **интонация модуляция**2) **музыкальное ударение, акцент**

phonemic tones - фонологические тоны

tone language - **лингв.** тоновый язык (*такой, в котором тоны играют смысловозначительную роль*)6. **жив.** **тон, оттенок градация тонов**

warm [cold] tones - тёплые [холодные] тона

blue with a greenish tone - голубой с зеленоватым оттенком

a carpet in tones of brown - ковёр в коричневых тонах

three tones of green - три оттенка зелёного цвета

the prevailing tone was blue - преобладал голубой цвет

7. **мед.** **тонус**

to give tone - поднять тонус

to recover mental tone - восстановить душевное равновесие

to keep one's body in tone - поддерживать физический тонус

8. **эк.** **настроение (рынка); тенденция**

good tone - твёрдое настроение

bearish [bullish] tone - понижающее [повышающее] настроение

2. [təʊn] *v*1. **придавать (желательный) тон (звуку, цвету и т. п.)**2. **настраивать (музыкальный инструмент)**3. (with) **гармонизировать**

the curtains tone (in) with the carpet - занавеси гармонируют с ковром

4. **фото** **вирировать****tone****tone** [tone tones toned toning] **noun, verb** BrE [təʊn] ⁴ NAmE [toun] ⁴**noun**

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OF VOICE1. **countable** the quality of sb's voice, especially expressing a particular emotion

- speaking in **hushed/low/clipped/measured, etc. tones**
- a conversational tone
- a tone of surprise
- Don't speak to me in that **tone of voice** (= in that unpleasant way) .
- There's no need to **take that tone** with me— it's not my fault we're late.

CHARACTER/ATMOSPHERE

2. **singular** the general character and attitude of sth such as a piece of writing, or the atmosphere of an event

- The overall tone of the book is gently nostalgic.
- She **set the tone for** the meeting with a firm statement of company policy.
- Trust you to **lower the tone** of the conversation (= for example by telling a rude joke) .
- The article was moderate **in tone** and presented both sides of the case.
- The newspaper said voters had been turned off by the negative tone of the campaign.

OF SOUND

3. **countable** the quality of a sound, especially the sound of a musical instrument or one produced by electronic equipment

- the full rich tone of the trumpet
- the volume and tone controls on a car stereo

COLOUR

4. **countable** a shade of a colour

- a carpet in warm tones of brown and orange

OF MUSCLES/SKIN

5. **uncountable** how strong and firm your muscles or skin are

- how to improve your **muscle/skin tone**

ON TELEPHONE

6. **countable** a sound heard on a telephone line: (BrE) the **dialling tone**

- (NAmE) the **dial tone**
- Please speak after the tone (= for example as an instruction on an answering machine) .

IN MUSIC

7. (BrE) (US **'whole step'**) **countable** one of the five longer **↑intervals** in a musical **↑scale**, for example the **↑interval** between C and D or between E and F□

- **compare** **↑semitone**, **↑step** n. (10)

PHONETICS

8. **countable** the **↑pitch** (= how high or low a sound is) of a syllable in speaking

- a **rising/falling tone**

9. a particular **↑pitch** pattern on a syllable in languages such as Chinese, that can be used to distinguish different meanings

-TONED

10. (in adjectives) having the type of **tone** mentioned

- a bright-toned soprano
- olive-toned skin

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French **ton**, from Latin **tonus**, from Greek **tonos** 'tension, tone', from **teinein** 'to stretch'.

Example Bank:

- 'You ought to have thought of them,' she said in a reproachful tone.
- Don't you take that tone with me.
- Excuse me, I don't like your tone.
- He uses humour/humor to lighten the tone of the novel.
- Her enthusiastic speech set the tone for the day's conference.
- Her tone betrayed her impatience.
- Her tone sounded sincere but I knew she was lying.
- Her tone was hard to interpret.
- Her tone was mild, almost conversational.
- His letter was very negative in tone.
- His tone changed dramatically when he saw the money.
- His tone was faintly mocking.
- I didn't like his tone of voice; I felt he was being condescending.
- I keep getting the engaged tone.
- In cool, clipped tones, he told her what had happened.
- She answered him in a brisk, matter-of-fact tone.
- The President struck a defiant tone.
- The dial tone sounded.
- The general tone of the report was favourable.
- The movie has a jokey tone throughout.
- The music perfectly matches the tone of the movie.
- The newspaper sets a high moral tone in its editorial about politicians' private lives.
- The question was posed in a flat tone.
- The rising tone of her voice emphasized her panic.

- There is a marked change of tone in the second half of the book.
- We heard the dulcet tones of the sergeant, bawling at us to get on parade.
- What is your natural skin tone?
- When she heard my accent, she adopted a warmer tone.
- Why is everyone speaking in hushed tones?
- You should use a foundation that matches your skin tone.
- muted tones of brown and green
- the sweet tone of the flute
- Dark, rich tones will absorb light to make a room look smaller.
- Don't speak to me in that tone of voice.
- Her hair was lit with copper tones.
- The rich tone of the oboe is intended to give this piece a sad mood.
- The tone and volume controls allow you to adjust the sound of the radio.
- There was a tone of surprise in her voice.
- They were speaking in hushed tones.
- Trust you to lower the tone of the conversation!
- brown tones

Derived †tone something down

verb

MUSCLES/SKIN

1. **transitive** ~ **sth (up)** to make your muscles, skin, etc. firmer and stronger
 - Massage will help to tone up loose skin under the chin.
 - a beautifully toned body

COLOUR

2. **intransitive** ~ **(in) (with sth)** (BrE) to match the colour of sth
 - The beige of his jacket toned (in) with the cream shirt.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	tone
	BrE /təʊn/
	NAme /toʊn/
he / she / it	tones
	BrE /təʊnz/
	NAme /toʊnz/
past simple, past participle	toned
	BrE /təʊnd/
	NAme /toʊnd/
-ing form	toning
	BrE /təʊnɪŋ/
	NAme /toʊnɪŋ/

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See also: †whole step

tone

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I. **tone**¹ **S3 W2** /təʊn \$ toʊn/ BrE¹ AmE¹ *noun*

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Latin; Origin: tonus 'tension, tone', from Greek tonos]

1. **VOICE** [countable] the way your voice sounds, which shows how you are feeling or what you mean

in a ... tone

" 'You must be Annie,' he said in a friendly tone.

in sb's tone

" There was urgency in his tone.

" Her tone was sharp with anger.

" It was obvious from her tone of voice that she didn't like me.

don't take that tone with me (=do not speak to me in that rude or unpleasant way)

2. **SOUND** [uncountable and countable] the quality of a sound, especially the sound of a musical instrument or someone's voice ⇒

pitch, timbre:

" the guitar's clean tone

in ... tones

" They talked in hushed tones.

" 'No I didn't,' he said in a low tone (=quietly).

deep-toned/even-toned/shrill-toned etc (=having a low, calm etc tone)

" an even-toned voice

3. **GENERAL FEELING/ATTITUDE** [singular, uncountable] the general feeling or attitude expressed in a piece of writing, a speech, an activity etc

tone of

▪ The tone of the report was radical.
▪ The meetings were noted for their deeply religious tone.

in tone

▪ The article was moderate in tone.

set the tone (for/of something) (=establish the general attitude or feeling of an event, activity etc)

▪ Opening remarks are important since they set the tone for the rest of the interview.

4. COLOUR [uncountable and countable] one of the many types of a particular colour, each slightly darker, lighter, brighter etc than the next **SYN shade** ⇒ **tonal**

tone of

▪ different tones of green

▪ Perhaps a darker tone would be better.

▪ your skin tone (=the colour of your skin)

in tone

▪ The dried colour is slightly deeper in tone than it appears when first applied. ⇒ ↑two-tone

5. ELECTRONIC SOUND [countable] a sound made by electronic equipment, such as a telephone:

▪ Please leave a message after the tone.

dial tone *American English* **dialling tone** *British English* (=the sound you hear when you pick up the telephone that lets you know that you can make a call)

busy tone *American English* **engaged tone** *British English* (=the sound you hear when you telephone someone but they are already talking to someone else)

6. raise/lower the tone (of something) to make a place or event more or less socially acceptable, attractive etc:

▪ That horrible building lowers the whole tone of the neighborhood.

▪ Trust you to lower the tone of the conversation (=by making rude remarks etc).

7. BODY [uncountable] *technical* how firm and strong your muscles or skin are:

▪ A regular brisk walk will improve muscle tone.

8. MUSIC [countable] *technical* the difference in ↑pitch between two musical notes that are separated by one ↑key on the piano

SYN step *American English*

9. VOICE LEVEL [countable] *technical* how high or low your voice is when you produce different sounds:

▪ There is a falling tone on the first syllable and a rising tone on the other.

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meanings 1 & 2)

■ adjectives

▪ **conversational** (=informal and friendly) I tried to keep my tone pleasant and conversational.

▪ **conciliatory** (=showing that you do not want to be involved in an argument with someone) She used a more conciliatory tone.

▪ **matter-of-fact** (=showing no emotion when what you are saying is exciting, frightening, upsetting, etc) His tone was matter-of-fact, but she noticed he was shaking.

▪ **measured** (=very carefully controlled) He spoke slowly, in a calm and measured tone.

▪ **clipped tones** (=quick and clear, but not very friendly) Davis's secretary informed him in clipped tones: 'Mr Davis is not here.'

▪ **low/quiet/hushed tones** They sat at the far end of the carriage, talking in hushed tones.

▪ **sb's dulcet tones** (=a very sweet and gentle voice – often used humorously to mean the opposite) I could hear Martha's dulcet tones bellowing that dinner was ready.

■ phrases

▪ **a tone of voice** Try talking to the child in a firm but soothing tone of voice.

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THESAURUS

▪ **colour** red, blue, yellow etc: Blue is my favourite colour. | Matisse was famous for his use of colour.

▪ **shade** a particular type of a colour: The dress is a light shade of pink. | He uses different shades of green.

▪ **hue** /hjuː/ *literary or technical* a particular colour or shade of a colour: Her face had lost its golden hue.

▪ **tint** a small amount of a colour in something that is mostly another colour: He wears sunglasses that have a pinky-orange tint.

▪ **tone** one of the many different shades of a colour, each slightly darker, lighter, brighter etc than the next: Carpets in neutral tones give a feeling of space.

ii. **tone**² *BrE* ▪ *AmE* (also **tone up**) *verb* [transitive]

to improve the strength and firmness of your muscles, skin etc:

▪ Exercise can strengthen and tone muscles.

▪ He began to use weights in order to tone up his body.

▪ a well-toned body

tone something ↔ **down** *phrasal verb*

1. to reduce the effect of something such as a speech or piece of writing, so that people will not be offended:

▪ His advisers told him to tone down his speech.

2. to make a colour less bright:

▪ Blue can be used to tone down very sunny rooms.

tone in *phrasal verb* *British English*

if one colour or pattern tones in with another, they are similar and look good together **SYN complement**

tone in with

▪ Choose candles that will tone in with your tablecloth and china.

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