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Tone and Attitude Word Bank

A bank of 200+ tone and attitude words sorted into families, with short definitions, the "tone pairs" that show up as multiple-choice answers, a method for proving a tone with evidence, and a 30-item practice set with an answer key. Use it to replace vague words like "negative" or "serious" with the precise word an AP reader (or an answer choice) expects.

Why Tone Words Matter

Tone is the writer's or speaker's attitude toward the subject and, often, toward the audience. Every reading set on the AP Lang multiple-choice section contains at least one tone item, and FRQ 2 asks you to explain how choices build the writer's message. CED skill 7.A asks you to "explain how word choice, comparisons, and syntax contribute to the specific tone or style of a text," and 8.A asks you to produce a tone on purpose.

Three facts shape how you should use this bank:

1. **Tone is proven, not asserted.** A tone word is only as good as the specific words, details, and sentence patterns that support it. Always attach a word to evidence.
2. **Most answer choices are pairs.** Released exams favor double-adjective keys ("thoughtful yet playful," "serious and cautionary," "fervent and emphatic"). If one half of a pair is wrong, the entire choice is wrong.
3. **Tone shifts.** The Chief Reader Reports reward essays that track how tone changes through a speech. A single word for a whole passage is often too blunt.

Source note: the single words in Sections 1 through 8 are drawn from the vocabulary of released-exam answer choices and standard teacher lists compiled in the research briefs (including the lists attributed to *released AP exam questions* in review books and the school lists linked in the course resources). All definitions and sample phrases are original.

How to Prove a Tone (the 4-Step Method)

STEP	WHAT TO DO	EXAMPLE
1. Collect	Underline 5 to 8 words or details that carry feeling.	"hacks," "bureaucrats," "decree"
2. Sort	Mark each as positive, negative, or neutral in connotation.	all negative

STEP	WHAT TO DO	EXAMPLE
3. Check syntax	Is it clipped, balanced, long and winding?	short, scornful fragments
4. Name it	Choose the most precise word, then qualify it with a second if needed.	"scornful, bordering on contemptuous"

A quick rule of thumb: **intensity** matters. *Critical* is milder than *scathing*; *wistful* is gentler than *anguished*. If an answer choice is too strong or too weak for the evidence, it is wrong even if the direction is right.

Section 1: Positive Tones

1A. Admiring and Respectful

WORD	SHORT DEFINITION
admiring	Looking up to someone or something with pleasure
appreciative	Recognizing and being grateful for value
laudatory	Expressing praise
reverent	Showing deep respect, almost religious
respectful	Showing regard without flattery
deferential	Yielding politely to another's judgment or status
approving	Judging favorably
commendatory	Formally expressing approval
adulatory	Praising excessively or fawningly
honoring	Paying public tribute
awestruck	Overwhelmed by wonder
worshipful	Treating as sacred

1B. Warm and Affectionate

WORD	SHORT DEFINITION
affectionate	Showing fondness
tender	Gentle and caring
sympathetic	Sharing another's feelings
compassionate	Moved to ease suffering
nostalgic	Longing for the past with warmth

WORD	SHORT DEFINITION
fond	Having a liking for
intimate	Close and confiding
genial	Friendly and cheerful
convivial	Sociable, festive
sentimental	Driven by tender emotion, sometimes excessively
benevolent	Well-meaning and kind
solicitous	Anxiously caring

1C. Hopeful and Energetic

WORD	SHORT DEFINITION
optimistic	Expecting good outcomes
hopeful	Feeling that something good can happen
sanguine	Confidently cheerful despite difficulty
buoyant	Light-spirited and resilient
enthusiastic	Eagerly interested
exultant	Triumphantly joyful
jubilant	Rejoicing
celebratory	Marking an achievement with joy
encouraging	Giving courage or confidence
inspirational	Meant to uplift
exuberant	Overflowing with high spirits
zealous	Passionately devoted
fervent	Intensely earnest
ardent	Passionate
rapturous	Ecstatically delighted

1D. Calm and Reassuring

WORD	SHORT DEFINITION
reassuring	Removing doubt or fear
serene	Calm and untroubled

WORD	SHORT DEFINITION
tranquil	Peaceful
placid	Not easily disturbed
content	Satisfied
reconciled	Having accepted a difficult truth
conciliatory	Seeking to make peace
forgiving	Willing to pardon
gracious	Courteous and kind
magnanimous	Generous toward a rival or the less fortunate

1E. Playful and Humorous (positive-leaning)

WORD	SHORT DEFINITION
playful	Light-hearted and teasing
whimsical	Charmingly odd or fanciful
jocular	Joking
jovial	Hearty and good-humored
amused	Finding something funny
witty	Cleverly humorous
lighthearted	Free of heaviness
droll	Quaintly or dryly funny
facetious	Joking at an inappropriate time
puckish	Mischievous

Section 2: Negative Tones

2A. Angry and Hostile

WORD	SHORT DEFINITION
angry	Strong displeasure
irate	Furious
indignant	Angry at perceived injustice
outraged	Shocked and furious

WORD	SHORT DEFINITION
wrathful	Filled with intense anger
bitter	Resentful and sharp
acerbic	Sharp and biting
caustic	Burning in effect; corrosive
vitriolic	Bitterly harsh
belligerent	Eager to fight
confrontational	Directly challenging
strident	Harsh and loud
vehement	Forceful, intense
choleric	Easily angered
truculent	Aggressively defiant
fulminating	Loudly denouncing
accusatory	Charging with wrongdoing
antagonistic	Actively hostile

2B. Critical and Disapproving

WORD	SHORT DEFINITION
critical	Judging faults
disapproving	Judging unfavorably
censorious	Severely critical
reproachful	Expressing disappointment in someone
admonishing	Warning firmly
chiding	Mildly scolding
disparaging	Belittling
derogatory	Showing a low opinion
pejorative	Expressing contempt (of a word)
condemnatory	Declaring wrong
scathing	Harshly critical
withering	Devastatingly scornful
moralistic	Preaching about right and wrong

WORD	SHORT DEFINITION
judgmental	Quick to condemn
fault-finding	Seeking flaws

2C. Scornful and Mocking

WORD	SHORT DEFINITION
scornful	Showing contempt
contemptuous	Regarding as worthless
disdainful	Looking down on
derisive	Ridiculing
mocking	Making fun of
sardonic	Grimly mocking
sarcastic	Using irony to wound
sneering	Showing contempt in expression
supercilious	Haughtily superior
condescending	Talking down to
patronizing	Treating as inferior while appearing kind
haughty	Arrogantly proud
smug	Self-satisfied
pompous	Self-importantly grand
pretentious	Claiming importance one lacks
imperious	Commanding arrogantly
contumelious	Insolently abusive
flippant	Disrespectfully casual
irreverent	Lacking respect for what is usually respected
cynical	Distrusting people's motives
jaded	Wearied by too much experience
snide	Slyly derogatory

2D. Sad and Mournful

WORD	SHORT DEFINITION
mournful	Expressing grief
elegiac	Sorrowfully reflective, like an elegy
somber	Grave and dark in mood
melancholy	Pensive, lingering sadness
wistful	Gently yearning
plaintive	Sadly mournful, appealing
doleful	Sad, dismal
lugubrious	Exaggeratedly mournful
morose	Sullen, gloomy
despairing	Without hope
anguished	In severe pain
forlorn	Abandoned and sad
bereft	Deprived of something loved
grieving	Feeling deep sorrow
lamenting	Expressing sorrow aloud
remorseful	Deeply sorry
regretful	Wishing one had acted differently
rueful	Expressing sorry wryness
penitent	Showing repentance
self-pitying	Dwelling on one's own suffering
disillusioned	Disappointed at losing an illusion
disheartened	Having lost courage

2E. Fearful and Anxious

WORD	SHORT DEFINITION
anxious	Uneasy about what may happen
apprehensive	Fearful about the future
ominous	Suggesting something bad will happen
foreboding	Sensing coming evil

WORD	SHORT DEFINITION
alarmed	Suddenly frightened
fearful	Afraid
timorous	Easily frightened
timid	Lacking courage
urgent	Demanding immediate attention
foreboding	Predicting harm
suspicious	Distrustful
wary	Carefully watchful
paranoid	Irrationally distrustful
menacing	Threatening
cautionary	Warning
dire	Warning of dreadful consequences
harrowing	Distressing

2F. Weak, Defeated, or Disengaged

WORD	SHORT DEFINITION
apathetic	Uninterested
indifferent	Neither interested nor concerned
resigned	Accepting without resistance
lethargic	Sluggish
listless	Without energy or interest
weary	Tired
bored	Unengaged
dismissive	Treating as unworthy of notice
callous	Insensitive
cold	Unfeeling
fatalistic	Believing events are fixed
hopeless	Without prospect of improvement
defeatist	Expecting to fail
petulant	Childishly sulky

WORD	SHORT DEFINITION
peevish	Irritable
churlish	Rude and sullen
obsequious	Excessively eager to please
servile	Slavishly submissive
sycophantic	Flattering to gain favor

Section 3: Neutral and Intellectual Tones

3A. Objective and Detached

WORD	SHORT DEFINITION
objective	Unbiased, fact-based
impartial	Not favoring a side
detached	Emotionally distant
dispassionate	Free from emotion
clinical	Coldly analytical
matter-of-fact	Plain and unemotional
neutral	Taking no side
balanced	Giving fair weight to each side
measured	Careful, restrained
restrained	Held back
reserved	Slow to reveal feeling
aloof	Distant, not involved
stoic	Enduring without complaint
informative	Providing facts
expository	Explaining
explanatory	Making clear
analytical	Examining the parts of something
scholarly	Characteristic of academic study

3B. Thoughtful and Reflective

WORD	SHORT DEFINITION
reflective	Thinking back or deeply
contemplative	Looking thoughtfully
pensive	Sadly or dreamily thoughtful
meditative	Calmly deep in thought
introspective	Examining one's own thoughts
speculative	Reasoning without firm evidence
tentative	Not certain, hesitant
inquisitive	Eager to learn
curious	Wanting to know
ruminative	Turning ideas over at length
philosophical	Exploring fundamental questions
musings	Absorbed in thought
ambivalent	Having mixed or opposing feelings
conflicted	Pulled in two directions
wry	Dryly humorous with an ironic twist

3C. Serious and Earnest

WORD	SHORT DEFINITION
serious	Grave, not joking
solemn	Formal and dignified
earnest	Sincere and intense
sincere	Free from pretense
candid	Frankly honest
forthright	Direct and honest
blunt	Bluntly direct
grave	Weighty
sober	Serious and unexaggerated
dignified	Showing stately self-respect
authoritative	Commanding respect

WORD	SHORT DEFINITION
resolute	Firmly determined
steadfast	Unwavering
defiant	Openly resisting
dogmatic	Asserting opinions as fact
didactic	Intended to teach, often moralizing
instructive	Providing guidance
exhortatory	Urging strongly
admonitory	Cautioning
prudent	Cautiously sensible
judicious	Having sound judgment
urbane	Polished, sophisticated

3D. Informal, Quirky, and Voice-Based Tones

WORD	SHORT DEFINITION
colloquial	Conversational
informal	Relaxed
candid-casual	Unguarded, frank
breezy	Light and casual
chatty	Talkative, friendly
folksy	Homespun, down-to-earth
idiosyncratic	Peculiarly individual
quaint	Charmingly old-fashioned
self-deprecating	Making light of oneself
self-effacing	Keeping oneself in the background
self-aware	Conscious of one's own situation
self-assured	Confident in oneself
bombastic	Inflated, high-sounding
grandiloquent	Pompously eloquent
allusive	Full of references
laconic	Using very few words

WORD	SHORT DEFINITION
terse	Briefly curt
effusive	Gushing with feeling

Section 4: Tones of Persuasion and Argument

These words describe how a writer treats the audience in an argument.

WORD	SHORT DEFINITION
persuasive	Aiming to convince
impassioned	Filled with passion
forceful	Powerful
emphatic	Stressing a point strongly
insistent	Demanding agreement
assertive	Confident in stating
adamant	Unyielding
urgent	Pressing
exhortative	Urging action
imploring	Begging earnestly
pleading	Appealing emotionally
cajoling	Persuading by gentle flattery
conciliatory	Seeking agreement
diplomatic	Tactful
tactful	Careful not to offend
inclusive	Drawing the audience in with "we"
combative	Eager to fight over ideas
polemical	Aggressively argumentative
provocative	Meant to stir reaction
incredulous	Unwilling to believe
skeptical	Doubtful
questioning	Probing
challenging	Daring the audience to respond

WORD	SHORT DEFINITION
defensive	Protecting against criticism
apologetic	Expressing regret
indignant	Angry at injustice
righteous	Morally certain

Section 5: Tones of Humor and Irony

Humor tones appear in about one passage per exam and are often keyed as a **pair** because the writer is amused and serious at once.

WORD	SHORT DEFINITION	TYPICAL CLUE
ironic	Meaning the opposite of what is said	Praise that is obviously false
wry	Dry, ironic humor	A twist in the last clause
sardonic	Bitterly mocking	Dark humor aimed at human folly
sarcastic	Cutting irony	Direct verbal barbs
satirical	Ridiculing to reform	Exaggeration aimed at a target
mock-solemn	Pretending grave seriousness	Elevated diction on a trivial subject
deadpan	Straight-faced absurdity	No signal that it is a joke
tongue-in-cheek	Insincerely serious	Over-the-top praise
whimsical	Charmingly fanciful	Odd metaphors
bantering	Teasing exchange	Quick, light comparisons
farcical	Absurdly comic	Slapstick exaggeration
mischievous	Playfully naughty	Teasing hints
cheeky	Playfully rude	Irreverent asides
acerbic	Sharp-tongued	Pointed wit

Section 6: Tone Pairs That Appear as Multiple-Choice Answers

Released AP exams reward precision. A pair is correct only if **both** halves are supported. Use this table to practice reading a pair as two claims.

PAIR	TYPICAL CONTEXT	WHAT EACH HALF NEEDS
thoughtful yet playful	A language essay full of humor and serious observation	Evidence of reflection <i>and</i> of jokes
serious and cautionary	A warning about married life or political danger	Weighty diction <i>and</i> warnings
fervent and emphatic	A Romantic or reformist call to action	Intensity words <i>and</i> repetition or italics
tentative and prudent	A scientist hedging a hypothesis	Hedges <i>and</i> careful reasoning
detached and ironic	A cool observer with hidden mockery	Neutral surface <i>and</i> a gap between what is said and meant
defensive and self-aware	A speaker answering critics while acknowledging flaws	Answers to objections <i>and</i> admissions
supportive and reassuring	A speaker comforting an audience	Encouragement <i>and</i> calming language
mock-solemn	Serious voice on a silly topic	Elevated diction on trivia
understated modesty	A speaker playing down success	Small words, hedges
affectionate and nostalgic	A memoir about childhood	Fond details <i>and</i> past tense longing
humble and perfectionist	A craftsperson speaking about her work	Self-criticism <i>and</i> high standards
critical but constructive	A review that corrects without condemning	Faults named <i>and</i> suggestions
wistful yet accepting	Reflection on change	Longing <i>and</i> acceptance
angry but controlled	A letter of protest	Strong charges <i>and</i> formal diction
earnest and urgent	A civic appeal	Sincere appeals <i>and</i> time pressure
respectful but firm	A letter challenging an authority (Banneker to Jefferson)	Courtesy <i>and</i> unyielding claims
skeptical but open-minded	An analysis that tests a claim	Doubts <i>and</i> willingness to be convinced
sardonic and bitter	Satire with grievance	Mockery <i>and</i> resentment
admiring but ambivalent	Praise with reservations	Compliments <i>and</i> qualifications
objective and informative	A biographer's stance	Facts, no evaluative adjectives
resigned and weary	Accepting a hard fate	Fatigue words <i>and</i> acceptance
exuberant and grateful	An acceptance speech	Joy <i>and</i> thanks

Common wrong-pair patterns

1. **One strong half, one invented half.** "Angry and playful" for a text that is only angry.

2. **Too hot or too cold.** "Scandalized" when the text is merely "critical."
3. **Right direction, wrong target.** "Contemptuous toward the audience" when the contempt is aimed at a policy.
4. **Surface vs. real tone.** A detached surface hiding irony; the exam rewards the deeper reading.
5. **Whole-passage vs. local tone.** A tone for lines 8 to 12 may not be the tone for the passage.

Section 7: Words for Shifts in Tone

When a speaker moves from one tone to another, use a word for the movement.

SHIFT	MEANING
from playful to serious	Humor gives way to a weighty point
from detached to impassioned	Neutral reporting becomes personal
from nostalgic to critical	Fond memory turns into judgment
from anger to resolve	Protest becomes commitment
from despair to hope	Darkness resolves into possibility
from confident to tentative	Certainty gives way to hedging
from mocking to sympathetic	Ridicule softens
from reverent to challenging	Praise becomes demand
from humble to assertive	Modesty gives way to claim

Section 8: Tone vs. Mood vs. Style (Do Not Confuse)

TERM	WHOSE FEELING?	EXAMPLE
Tone	The writer's attitude toward subject or audience	Scornful toward critics
Mood	The feeling the reader gets	Gloomy, uneasy
Style	The overall manner of writing (diction, syntax, imagery)	Plain, clipped, concrete
Voice	The distinctive personality in the prose	Chatty, self-mocking

A text can have a **cheerful tone** and a **somber mood**, for example when a narrator describes a sad scene with forced brightness.

Section 9: How to Use a Tone Word in an Essay

Do not write "The tone is negative." Use the pattern **tone word + evidence + effect on purpose**.

- Weak: "Kelley's tone is serious."
- Better: "Kelley's tone grows indignant as she moves from describing the children to naming the legislators who have refused to act; her sharp verbs ('permit,' 'tolerate') make the audience feel implicated."
- Strongest: adds why it works for this audience: "The indignation is calibrated to women who cannot vote: it gives them a motive to turn private sympathy into political action."

Sentence frames

- "The tone shifts from ___ to ___ when [quote], signaling ___."
- "By pairing ___ diction with ___ syntax, the writer creates a tone that is both ___ and ___."
- "The ___ tone helps establish [credibility / urgency / intimacy] because ___."
- "Although the surface tone is , ***the repeated [detail] reveals an underlying .***"

Section 10: Practice, 30 Tone Items

Read each short quotation. Choose the best tone word or pair from the options and, in the margin, note the clue word. Quotations are original unless marked as public domain.

Directions. Choose the best answer. Answers are in the Answer Key at the end.

1. "I would never presume to advise someone of your vast experience, of course, but perhaps, if it is not too much trouble, you might consider reading the report."
A. obsequious (B) forthright (C) indignant (D) sardonic
2. "The council met for nine hours and produced a motion to form a committee to study the possibility of meeting again."
A. reverent (B) wry (C) elegiac (D) exuberant
3. "She kept the letter in a drawer for forty years and never read it again, though she never threw it away."
A. wistful (B) belligerent (C) clinical (D) jocular
4. "Do not tell me that nothing can be done. Something can be done, it must be done, and it will be done by us, tonight."
A. resigned (B) resolute (C) detached (D) whimsical
5. "The data show a 14 percent rise in usage over the period; the sample size was 312."
A. objective (B) mournful (C) scornful (D) playful
6. "O fortunate man, who has never once been wrong in all his days! Let statues be raised."
A. sincere admiration (B) sarcastic mockery (C) reverent awe (D) tentative doubt
7. "We were young, and the summer seemed to have no end, and the river took our days one by one."
A. nostalgic (B) accusatory (C) caustic (D) apathetic
8. "I am not sure what this proves, though it may suggest something about the habits of the region."
A. tentative (B) dogmatic (C) vehement (D) imperious

9. "How very kind of the management to remind us, for the fifth time this week, that our complaints are 'valued.'"
- A. grateful (B) sardonic (C) reverent (D) sentimental
10. "Rise, then, and look at what we have done. Look, and be proud, and then get back to work."
- A. encouraging yet demanding (B) bitter and cynical (C) detached and clinical (D) apologetic and timid
11. "The old bridge sags under the weight of its own history, and no one pretends it will hold much longer."
- A. elegiac (B) boastful (C) flippant (D) zealous
12. "It is a truth universally acknowledged that a woman must have a modest fortune to be deemed respectable." (original)
- A. earnest (B) wry (C) distraught (D) fervent
13. "You, who have never lifted a finger for this town, now presume to tell us how it should be run?"
- A. indignant (B) tender (C) objective (D) hopeful
14. "I am sorry. I was wrong, and I knew it at the time, and I said nothing."
- A. remorseful (B) arrogant (C) playful (D) disdainful
15. "The senator, who has always been a man of principle, has found a new principle: whatever votes the most."
- A. admiring (B) sardonic (C) elegiac (D) reverent
16. "If we do not act now, the water will not wait for us."
- A. urgent and cautionary (B) casual and amused (C) nostalgic and warm (D) detached and neutral
17. "Whatever happens, I shall remember this room, the fire in the grate, the two of us not talking."
- A. affectionate (B) accusatory (C) belligerent (D) smug
18. "He lectured us for an hour about humility, which he demonstrated by referring to himself in the third person."
- A. gently humorous, then pointed (B) tender (C) fearful (D) despairing
19. "Nothing in the report is false. Nothing in it is helpful either."
- A. dispassionate (B) dry and critical (C) exuberant (D) pleading
20. "In the summer of the great flood, we learned the names of the neighbors we had never spoken to."
- A. hopeful (B) threatened (C) apathetic (D) cruel
21. "Please. I am begging you. Think of the children."
- A. imploring (B) contemptuous (C) neutral (D) jaunty
22. "She walked into the committee room and, for the first time in her career, said exactly what she thought."
- A. timid (B) assertive (C) detached (D) bored
23. "There is a certain grandeur in the failure of so well-intentioned a plan, and it would be uncharitable to dwell on it."
- A. wry (B) wrathful (C) exultant (D) clinical

24. "To stand here, in this great hall, among so many people I admire, is more than I can say. So I will say thank you."
A. grateful and humble (B) smug (C) sarcastic (D) fatalistic
25. "The facts of the case are these: three witnesses, two contradictory statements, one missing document."
A. matter-of-fact (B) elegiac (C) jubilant (D) cajoling
26. "Of course the committee will carefully consider our proposal, in the same way the tide carefully considers the shore."
A. respectful (B) sardonic (C) wistful (D) sincere
27. "I have no right to ask for forgiveness, and I do not."
A. penitent (B) defiant (C) reverent (D) jocular
28. "They tell us the age of reason is upon us. I would like to see the evidence."
A. skeptical (B) credulous (C) elated (D) apathetic
29. "Still the old man rose each morning, and still the work waited, and still he did it."
A. stoic (B) giddy (C) vengeful (D) flippant
30. "Honored guests, esteemed colleagues, and dear friends: it is a privilege to stand before you on this occasion, and I do not take it lightly."
A. formal and sincere (B) hostile (C) bitter (D) bored

Answer Key

1. **A** (obsequious). The stacked deferences ("never presume," "vast experience," "if it is not too much trouble") are excessive.
2. **B** (wry). The anticlimax about a committee to study meeting again is dry, ironic humor.
3. **A** (wistful). Quiet longing: she never threw it away.
4. **B** (resolute). Imperatives and "it will be done by us" show determination.
5. **A** (objective). Figures, no evaluative language.
6. **B** (sarcastic mockery). The exaggerated praise ("never once wrong") is obviously false.
7. **A** (nostalgic). Past tense, warmth, loss of time.
8. **A** (tentative). "Not sure," "may suggest."
9. **B** (sardonic). Mock-gratitude, repeated insult ("fifth time," scare quotes).
10. **A** (encouraging yet demanding). "Be proud" and "get back to work."
11. **A** (elegiac). Sorrowful reflection on decline.
12. **B** (wry). A dry paraphrase of a famous opening sentence with a tongue-in-cheek twist.
13. **A** (indignant). A rhetorical challenge to the other person's right to speak.
14. **A** (remorseful). Direct admission of guilt.
15. **B** (sardonic). The twist ("a new principle: whatever votes the most") mocks.
16. **A** (urgent and cautionary). Conditional warning and time pressure.
17. **A** (affectionate). Intimate, sensory, fond.

18. **A** (gently humorous, then pointed). Irony in the third-person detail.
19. **B** (dry and critical). Parallel negatives; "either" turns the knife.
20. **A** (hopeful). Neighbors discovered in crisis.
21. **A** (imploring). "Begging."
22. **B** (assertive). Decisive act after a history of silence.
23. **A** (wry). Mild irony about a failed plan.
24. **A** (grateful and humble). Overwhelmed by admiration, simple thanks.
25. **A** (matter-of-fact). Lists of facts, no commentary.
26. **B** (sardonic). The tide analogy undercuts the claim of careful consideration.
27. **B** (defiant). Declining to ask forgiveness; the refusal is the tone, not penitence.
28. **A** (skeptical). Challenge to "the age of reason" claim.
29. **A** (stoic). Repetition of "still," endurance without complaint.
30. **A** (formal and sincere). Ceremonial address, "I do not take it lightly."

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