



VERY  
IMPRESSIVE.  
CAN'T YOU SEE  
MY EXCITEMENT?

Sometimes, the words alone do not fully express the speaker's intention. You need to pay attention to the tone of voice as well. For example, an urgent tone of voice suggests that the speaker is giving a warning.

Task 1. Listen and underline the adjective which best matches the speaker's attitude. Use their tone of voice to help you.

I'm not always rude and sarcastic. Sometimes I'm asleep.



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- 1 arrogant / pessimistic / confident
- 2 aggressive / miserable / sarcastic
- 3 calm / complimentary / optimistic
- 4 accusing / enthusiastic / sympathetic
- 5 grateful / optimistic / sympathetic
- 6 aggressive / bitter / urgent

More adjectives:

Task 2 Say a sentence in one of the two ways. Can your partner guess the adjective? Some help

- 1 'Thanks, Andy. That's really helpful.' (first grateful, then sarcastic)
- 2 'Our train leaves in ten minutes.' (first calm, then urgent)
- 3 'You and your sister always argued during dinner. (first nostalgic, then accusing)
- 4 'You need to stop and think about what's happened. (first sympathetic, then aggressive)
- 5 'I think we'll win one or two of our matches.' (first optimistic, then pessimistic)

How is speaker feeling?

**Listen:**

1. Listen to four speakers. Try to guess which speaker sounds:

a urgent \_\_\_\_\_ c enthusiastic \_\_\_\_\_  
b calm \_\_\_\_\_ d arrogant \_\_\_\_\_

2. Listen again. Match sentences A-E with speakers 1—4. Use the tone of voice to help you. There is one extra sentence.

A The speaker is giving advice about winning family arguments. \_\_\_\_\_

B We learn how a bad argument had a positive result for the speaker. \_\_\_\_\_

C The speaker is advertising a course for families who want to argue less. \_\_\_\_\_

D The speaker is persuading somebody to attend a family reunion. \_\_\_\_\_

E The speaker describes how a relative lost his job because of a family argument. \_\_\_\_\_

**SPEAKING** Work in pairs. Decide which of these topics is most likely to cause arguments in your family and why. Are there any others you can think of?

doing chores  
doing schoolwork  
staying out late  
sharing a family computer  
what to watch on TV  
when to watch TV  
too much time spent on social media and games  
what to eat

