

Emotion Taxonomy

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NEGATIVE TERMS (Bad, Awful, Dreadful, Horrible, Horrid, Not good, Rotten, Terrible, Frightful)			
Shame – qualitatively distinct primary emotion	<i>Caused by Another Person's Behavior</i>	<i>Caused by Own Person's Behavior</i>	<i>Caused by Predisposition/ Preference/Inclination</i>
	Humiliated, Inferior, Intimidated, Oppressed, Put down	Shame, Embarrassment, Demoralized, Foolish, Mortified, Ridiculous, Sheepish, Dumb, [Silly], Small, Stupid, Ugly	Shy, Bashful, Self-conscious, Defensive
Sadness – primary emotion	<i>General Mood Without Cause – Less Intense</i>	<i>Caused by Changes in a Specific External Event</i>	<i>An Absence of Something Desired in the Past (Nostalgia), Present (Lonely), Future (Yearning)</i>
	Melancholy, Blue, Down, Forlorn, Gloomy, Low, Moping, Unhappy, Unsatisfied, Woeful, Cry	Disappointed, Deflated, Discouraged, Disenchantment, Dismay, Let down, Subdued	Wistful, Lonely, Longing, Homesick, Nostalgia, Want, Yearning
	<i>Caused by One's Own Behavior</i>	<i>Caused by Another Persons</i>	<i>Implied Major Loss That May be Simply More Intense or Aroused Sadness</i>
	Guilt, Apologetic, Regret, Remorse, Repentant, Sorry	Hurt, Betrayal, Let down, Misunderstood, Neglected, Rejected, Reproachful, Self-pity, Unwanted, Unwelcome, Different, Isolated	Sorrow, Depressed, Dejected, Despair, Despondent, Drained, Empty, Hollow, Hopeless, Resigned, Failure, Useless
	<i>Implied an Expectation of a Prolonged Negative Mood – More Intense Than Simple Sadness or Lower Aroused Sadness</i>		
Grief, Desolation, Devastation, Distraught, Heartbroken, Loss, Mournful			

Pain – qualitative feature distinct from sadness and shame	<i>Implied Intense Unpleasantness and Suggest High Arousal</i>		
	Agony, Anguish, Distress, Misery, Suffering, Tormented		
Anxiety – external focus of emotion is vague and more remote	<i>Cognitive in Nature</i>	<i>Shares a Physical Components</i>	<i>A Quality of Control or Restraint/Control of High Arousal</i>
	Worried, Apprehension, Bothered, Discomfort, Disturbed, Perturbed, Troubled, Uncomfortable, Uneasy, Uptight	Nervous, Butterflies, Edgy, Jumpy, Tremulous	Tension, Clenched, Pent up, Pressure, Strain, Suspense
	<i>Disorganization and Loss of Control</i>		
	Upset, Agitation, Consternation, Emotional, Flapped, Frantic, Hysterical, Turmoil		
Fear – closest of primary emotions to the quality component, unpleasant, high arousal, no high activity, imply a reaction to an actual or anticipated event (Fear, Afraid, Frightened, Scared)	<i>Implies Reactions to an Imminent/Approaching Threatening Event</i>	<i>Reactions to the Presence of Threatening Event</i>	Reactions to Aftermath of a Frightening But Not Necessarily a Personal Threat
	Dread, Alarmed	Terror, Panic, Petrified	Shock, Aghast, Horror

Anger – states (Anger, Mad, Choler, Fury, Rage, Wrath)	<i>Lesser Intensity, Imply a Fairly Specific Cause and Only Minor Provocation</i>	<i>Implied Violation of Principle</i>	<i>Implied a Mood Predisposing to an Angry Reaction</i>
	Annoyed, Aggravated, Displeasure, Fed up, Frustrated, Impatient, Irritated, Not pleased, Pissed off, Put out, Sore, Teed off, Ticked off, Frown, Stern, Unamused	Indignant, Insulted, Irate, Offended, Outrage	Cross, Cranky, Discontent, Dissatisfied, Grouchy, Grumpy, Moody, Petulant, Pique, Sulky, Bitch, Pout
Hostility – persistent attitudes and are interpersonal (Hatred, Abhor, Animosity, Detest, Hostility)	<i>Highest Intensity, Dominant, Specific Actions</i>	<i>Along the Spectrum</i>	<i>Along the Spectrum</i>
	Revenge, Vengeance, Aggression, Arguing, Confrontation, Disagreement, Scolding, Threatening	Defiant, Rebellious, Insolent, Stubborn	Spite, Evil, Hateful, Malice, Cunning, Harshness, Mean, Scheming, Sly, Sneaky, Vicious
	<i>Along the Spectrum</i>	<i>Along the Spectrum</i>	<i>Along the Spectrum</i>
	Envy, Jealousy	Dislike, Disapproval, Unfriendly	Distrust, Mistrust, Suspicion, Wary
	<i>Least Intensity, Submissive, No Action</i> Bitterness, Resentment		
Disgust – implied rejection of something external by someone from a position of control or superiority	<i>Interpersonal</i>	<i>Not Interpersonal</i>	
	Contempt, Despise, Disdain, Disrespect, Loathing, Scorn, Reject, Sarcastic	Distaste, Ill, Repugnance, Repulsion, Revulsion, Sick, Sickened, Squeamish, Yuck	

POSITIVE TERMS: INTERPERSONAL			
Love – conceived by the layperson, produced in our own, first and second in prototypically ratings	<i>Explicit Sexual Element</i>	<i>Possibly Strong Attraction But Not Explicitly Sexual</i>	<i>Implied Subordination to the Object of Emotion, No Sexual Implication</i>
	Lust, Desire, Horny, Passion, Sensual, Sexy, Seductive	Attraction, Ardent, Infatuation, Romantic, Sentimental	Adoration, Devotion, Reverence, Worship
Liking – may or may not involve love	<i>Elevate and Distance the Object</i>	<i>Interpersonal Traits Description Rather Than Feelings</i>	<i>Imply Nurturance Towards the Object</i>
	Admiration, Appreciation, Gratitude, Regard, Respect, Trust, Impressed	Friendly, Forgiving, [Thoughtful], Acceptance, Agreement, Considerate, Encouraging, Generous, Giving, Helpful, Kind, Sensitive, Sincere, [Understanding], Warm	Affection, Caring, Comforting, Concern, Fondness, Protective, Tenderness
	<i>Nurturance Feelings but Towards a Distressed Object</i>		
	Pity, Compassion, Empathy, Sorry for, Sympathy		
POSITIVE TERMS: NON-INTERPERSONAL (Fine, Excellent, Fantastic, Good, Great, High, Incredible, Nice, Perfect, Pleasant, Sensational, Super, Terrific, Up, Wonderful, Beautiful, Smile)			
Contentment	<i>Passive, Low in Arousal, Do Not Imply a Specific External Event</i>		
	Contentment, Harmony, Peaceful, Relaxed, Secure, Serenity, Tranquility, Comfortable, Fulfillment		
Happiness	<i>Implied a Reaction to a Recent External Event</i>	<i>Implied Reactions to an Ongoing External Event</i>	<i>Implied a Reaction to an Anticipation of a Future Event</i>
	Glad, Delighted, Glee, Gratified, Pleased, Reassured, Release, Relief, Satisfaction, Playful	Amusement, Delight, Enchanted, Enjoy, Entertained, Erotic, Pleasure, Sensuous, Tingly	Hope, Anticipation, Avid, Eager, Encouraged, [Excited], Expectant, Sanguine
	<i>Implied High Activity With No Specific External Event</i>	<i>Implied High Intensity With No External Cause</i>	<i>Implied High Intensity With No External Cause</i>
	Gaiety, Carefree, Cheerful,	Rapture, Bliss, Carried away, Ecstasy,	Joy, Elation, Euphoric, Exultation,

	Devilish, Enthusiasm, Expansiveness, Exuberant, [Funny], Giggly, Having fun, Lighthearted, Merriment, Mischievous, Playful, Humorous, Laughing, [Silly], Teasing, Witty	Exaltation, Thrill, Transported	Jubilation, Overjoyed, Rejoice
Pride – share a feature of superiority or ascendance	<i>Considered Emotions</i>	<i>Trait-Descriptive Adjectives, Clearly Socially Undesirable, Rarely Used to Describe Feelings</i>	
	Pride, [Satisfaction], Triumph, Victorious, Accomplished, Brave, Courageous, Special	Smug, Complacent, Superior, Arrogant, Conceited, Condescending, Domineering, Egotistical, Stuck up	
RELATIVELY NEUTRAL TERMS: AROUSAL AND COGNITIVE SALIENT – PASSIVE			
Sleepy – low energy	<i>Implied a Physical Cause and Attendant Sensations</i>	<i>Implied Lack of Motivation</i>	
	Sleepy, Drowsy, Exhausted, Fatigued, Heavy, Punchy, Tired	Listless, Blah, Languor, Lassitude, Lazy, Slow	
Apathetic – low interest, external reference	<i>Affective Neutrality is the Common Feature</i>	<i>One Experience Unpleasant Conditions, Unpleasant, Lack of Interest, Passive</i>	
	Apathy, Detached, Indifference, Neutral, So-so, Uncaring, Unconcerned, Alienated, Cold	Boredom, Ennui, Uninterested	
Contemplative – no negative connotations, somewhat pleasant, implication of inactivity is strong and salient, distinguished based on the presence and nature of cognitive elements	<i>No Cognitive Reference, No Clear Pleasant Quality</i>	<i>Implied Undirected Cognitive Activity</i>	<i>Implied a Distinct Quality to Conscious Experience Not Present Elsewhere</i>
	Calm, Patient, Placid	Dreamy, Bemused, Considering, Contemplative, Distracted, Floating, Pensive, Preoccupied, Reflective, [Thoughtful], Thinking	Strange, Dizzy, Faint, [Funny], Lightheaded, Queer, Spaced, Stoned, Weird

RELATIVELY NEUTRAL TERMS: AROUSAL AND COGNITION SALIENT – ACTIVE

Arousal	<i>Indicate Arousal and Little Else</i>		
	Arousal, Electric, [Excited], Fired up, Frenzied, Hyper, Restless, Stimulated, Stirred up, Energetic, Fast, Itchy		
Interest – external focus	<i>The Least Focused Cognitive Engagement</i>	<i>The Most Focused Cognitive Engagement</i>	<i>Implied Cognitive Activity Beyond Mere Attention</i>
	Alert, Attention, Awake, Conscious, Aware, Listening	Fascination, Absorbed, Caught up, Concentration, Engrossed, Intent, Involved, Mesmerized, Intense	Curious, Inquisitive, Intrigued, Nosy, Questioning, Searching, Wondering, Inquiring
Surprise – violation of expectation	<i>Readily Assimilated (Startle), Violation Beyond Easy Comprehension (Awe & Wonder), Violations of Belief – Require Cognitive Activity or Change for Their Assimilation (Amazement), Rejection of Information (Skeptical)</i>		
	Amazement, Astonished, Awe, Dazed, Dazzled, Disbelief, Disconcerted, Dumbfounded, Incredulity, Skeptical, Startled, Stunned, Unnerved, Wonder		
Understanding – Refer to Cognitive States but Imply No Specific External Focus	<i>Lack of Control in a Cognitive Sense</i>	<i>Lack of Resolution Rather Than Lack of Control</i>	<i>Implied Both Control and Resolution</i>
	Confusion, Baffled, Bewilderment, Helpless, Mixed up, Perplexed, Puzzled, Topsy-turvy	Uncertain, Doubt, Hesitant, Indecision, Misgivings, Reluctant, Undecided, Unsure, Ambiguity, Cautious	Confidence, Certain, Decided, Determination, Inspiration, Purposeful, Realization, [Understanding], Assertive, Assurance, Challenged, Cocky, Empathic, Firm, Forceful, Sassy, Smart, Strong