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Category	Textual Evidence	Response
Characterization	“His speaking voice, a gruff husky tenor, added to the impression of fractiousness he conveyed. There was a touch of paternal contempt in it, even toward people he liked - and there were men at New Haven who had hated his guts” (Fitzgerald 8-9).	Fitzgerald’s diction when describing Tom Buchanan consistently has a negative connotation. He uses words like “gruff,” “fractiousness,” and “contempt” to describe Tom in an attempt to let the audience know that he is an unsavory character. Including the detail that people “hated his guts” immediately lets the audience in on the fact that Tom isn’t necessarily someone we will like or trust. The fact that our narrator, Nick, is relaying this information so freely also shows us that his allegiance does not lie with Tom.