

**MARUTHI SCHOOL OF BANKING (MSB)**  
**GENERAL ENGLISH (Vocabulary - II)**

1. **Alchemy** – a seemingly magical process of transformation, creation, or combination.
  - **Synonyms:** magic, sympathy, attraction, rapport
  - **Antonyms:** animosity, antipathy, disaffection, antagonism
  - **Usage:** Finding the person who's right for you requires a very subtle alchemy.
2. **Embody** – to stand as a symbol for something
  - **Synonyms:** incorporate, personify, embrace, integrate, exemplify, manifest
  - **Antonyms:** exclude, scatter, afford, alienate, misunderstand
  - **Usage:** The national flag is supposed to embody the spirit of our country.
3. **Fissure** – a narrow opening or crack
  - **Synonyms:** crevice, breach, chink, cranny, split, rupture
  - **Antonyms:** barricade, fixation, ameliorate, hangout, emend
  - **Usage:** A fissure in the glass of the fish tank caused a slow leak.
4. **Folklore** – native sayings, stories, beliefs, and customs
  - **Synonyms:** tradition, mythology, wisdom, culture, superstition
  - **Antonyms:** variation, invention, truth, alteration, conception
  - **Usage:** Tribal folklore dictates a female must wed no later than her sixteenth birthday.
5. **Dialectic** – the practice of reasoning that arrives at a truth by the exchange of logical arguments
  - **Synonyms:** controversial, disputation, persuasion, analytic, argumentative
  - **Antonyms:** illogical, absurd, insanity, ineptitude
  - **Usage:** A brainstorming session was in full effect as members used dialectic tactics to problem-solve.
6. **Vernacular** – everyday language; the way people really talk with each other
  - **Synonyms:** dialect, jargon, idiom, informal, argot, lingo
  - **Antonyms:** literary, standard, aerial, preferential, lofty
  - **Usage:** The vernacular of today's young people is very confusing for some of the older generation.
7. **Ectomorph** – a lean body type that generally lacks both fat and muscle
  - **Synonyms:** sanguine, choleric, melancholic, introvert
  - **Antonyms:** receptor
  - **Usage:** In general, people with an ectomorph body type are lightly muscled and tall.
8. **Heyday** – the period of a person's or thing's greatest success, popularity, activity, or vigour.
  - **Synonyms:** prime, peak, bloom, acme, pinnacle, blossom, culmination
  - **Antonyms:** low point, bottom, nadir
  - **Usage:** The paper has lost millions of readers since its heyday in 1964.
9. **Hubris** – an excess of confidence; having too much pride and personal worth
  - **Synonyms:** arrogance, insolence, conceit, disdain, loftiness, vanity
  - **Antonyms:** modesty, respect, timidity, humbleness
  - **Usage:** Since she won the beauty pageant, she has allowed her hubris to turn into arrogance.
10. **Dizzy** – having or involving a sensation of spinning around and losing one's balance.
  - **Synonyms:** faint, woozy, flighty, frivolous, unstable, weak, shaky
  - **Antonyms:** clear-headed, sensible
  - **Usage:** She felt dizzy from breathing off the top of her lungs.
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11. **Languish** – lose or lack vitality; grow weak.
- **Synonyms:** weaken, deteriorate, decline, wither, droop, flag, wilt, fade
  - **Antonyms:** thrive, flourish
  - **Usage:** When the judge sentences the murderer, I hope he gives him a lifetime to languish in prison.
12. **Qualm** – an uneasy feeling of doubt, worry, or fear, especially about one's own conduct; a misgiving.
- **Synonyms:** disinclination, apprehension, trepidation, disquiet, disquietude, uneasiness
  - **Antonyms:** comfort, confidence, certainty, certitude, assurance
  - **Usage:** Without any qualm, the killer shot the young woman in the face.
13. **Sidestep** – avoid dealing with or discussing (something problematic or disagreeable).
- **Synonyms:** avoid, evade, dodge, escape, elude, circumvent, shirk
  - **Antonyms:** confront, show, interact, collide
  - **Usage:** The minister neatly sidestepped the questions about riots
14. **Stratify** – arrange or classify
- **Synonyms:** laminate, layer, separate, balance, control, inseminate
  - **Usage:** The sample drawn from the university's student register was stratified by age and gender
15. **Spurious** – not being what it purports to be; false or fake.
- **Synonyms:** counterfeit, fraudulent, pseudo, fictitious, imitation
  - **Antonyms:** authentic, legitimate, factual, reliable, veritable
  - **Usage:** To win elections, politicians often make spurious promises to voters.
16. **Unfetter** – release from restraint or inhibition.
- **Synonyms:** liberate, unchain, manumit, disengage, unshackle, loose
  - **Antonyms:** imprison, restrain, detain, suppress
  - **Usage:** Once the bird was unfettered and out of the cage, it flew up into the sky.
17. **Eerie** – strange and frightening.
- **Synonyms:** uncanny, sinister, ghostly, spectral, unnatural, unearthly, preternatural, supernatural
  - **Antonyms:** familiar, normal, sedative, unexceptional, predictable
  - **Usage:** The sky became dark quickly, causing an eerie glow from the oncoming storm.
18. **Panoptic** – showing or seeing the whole at one view.
- **Synonyms:** encompassing, extensive, omnibus, comprehensive, broad
  - **Antonyms:** invisible, noncomprehensive, unseeable, contained
  - **Usage:** The panoptic view from the hot air balloon allowed us to see all of the city.
19. **Knotty** – extremely difficult or complex.
- **Synonyms:** complicated, involved, intricate, convoluted, Byzantine, tangled
  - **Antonyms:** straightforward, simple
  - **Usage:** BRICS as a body can hardly help China in dealing with a knotty problem like North Korea.
20. **Slant** – present or view (information) from a particular angle, especially in a biased or unfair way.
- **Synonyms:** bias, distort, twist, skew, colour, weight, spin, angle, orient
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31. **Egress** – an outlet or exit
- **Synonyms:** emergence, withdrawal, emerge, departure, egression, exodus
  - **Antonyms:** entrance, immersion, acceptance, penetration, introduction.
  - **Usage:** Because of her claustrophobia she cannot be in any space where she does not have a ready egress.
32. **Emacity** – the compulsive love for and desire to obtain, purchase, or spend money on items

- **Synonyms:** perseverance, doggedness, fortitude, obstinacy, firmness, resolve
  - **Antonyms:** flaw, indecision, fault, cowardice, agility, weakness
  - **Usage:** The billionaire had an emacity that made him buy boats and cars on a whim just because he could.
33. **Futurity** – the future
- **Synonyms:** hereafter, forthcoming, destined, approaching, expectation, unborn
  - **Antonyms:** pastness, yesterday, earliness
  - **Usage:** Anxious thoughts of futurity caused the worrier to lose hope in the present.
34. **Easement** – entitled to utilize another person's property for a specific purpose
- **Synonyms:** relief, alleviation, assuagement, consolation, solace, abatement, softening
  - **Antonyms:** agony, burden, crisis, discomfort, bounce, awake
  - **Usage:** The only way to cross the river was by going through the owner's land which was an easement.
35. **Hardihood** – bravery; confidence to take action
- **Synonyms:** courage, resolution, temerity, pluck, brazenness, fortitude, audacity
  - **Antonyms:** cowardice, faintness, infirmity, frailness, delicacy
  - **Usage:** The hardihood of the soldier helped him survive while lost in the jungle while never giving up.
36. **Ineffable** – incapable of being expressed in words
- **Synonyms:** untellable, incredible, splendid, empyreal, ravishing
  - **Antonyms:** describable, utterable, hellish, profane, secular
  - **Usage:** Surprisingly, the woman was nonchalant about her husband's death.
37. **Linger** – to stay in a situation or place
- **Synonyms:** loiter, dawdle, endure, hesitate, saunter, persevere
  - **Antonyms:** advance, sprint, vagabond, outstrip, gallop, hurtle
  - **Usage:** After school some students always linger around the building to talk to their friends.
38. **Manacle** – an item that functions as a control or restraint
- **Synonyms:** shackle, restraint, hobble, inhibit, impediment
  - **Antonyms:** unloose, detached, extrication, gratuitous, enlarge
  - **Usage:** Mutinous employees are protesting low wages by not showing up for work.
39. **Pesky** – irritating; annoying
- **Synonyms:** vexatious, irksome, pestiferous, obnoxious, exasperating
  - **Antonyms:** admired, bearable, cheering, disarming, enthralling
  - **Usage:** Because she dislikes children, Reema wishes her pesky little neighbors would go annoy someone else.
40. **Sprightly** – full of vigor; active
- **Synonyms:** animated, vivacious, playful, jaunty, perky, frisky, agile
  - **Antonyms:** sluggish, lethargic, inactive
  - **Usage:** The sprightly old woman walks two miles every day.
41. **Repugnant** – extremely distasteful; unacceptable.
- **Synonyms:** abhorrent, revolting, repulsive, repellent, disgusting, offensive, objectionable
  - **Antonyms:** attractive, agreeable, pleasant
  - **Usage:** Because of your repugnant behavior, I no longer want to be friends with you.
42. **Rapture** – a feeling of intense pleasure or joy.
- **Synonyms:** ecstasy, bliss, euphoria, elation, exaltation, joy, enchantment, delight, exhilaration
  - **Antonyms:** boredom, indifference, agonize

- **Usage:** Her eyes were filled with rapture when he held his son for the first time.
43. **Propitiate** – win or regain the favour of (a god, spirit, or person) by doing something that pleases them.
- **Synonyms:** appease, placate, mollify, pacify
  - **Antonyms:** Aggravate, annoy, scorn, displease
  - **Usage:** Only an idiot believes he can propitiate his way into heaven by giving the church all of his money.
44. **Puerile** – childishly silly and immature.
- **Synonyms:** Shallow, immature, childish, trivial
  - **Antonyms:** Wise, farsighted, profound, sensible
  - **Usage:** Your jokes are puerile and not appropriate for a woman of your years.
45. **Occult** – relating to magical or supernatural abilities
- **Synonyms:** Latent, ambiguous, esoteric, elusive
  - **Antonyms:**Intelligible, transparent, fathomable, scrutable
  - **Usage:** His occult mask is probably going to scare most of the guests at the costume party.
46. **Nonchalant** – relaxed and calm in a way that shows you do not care or are not worried about anything
- **Synonyms:** indifferent, negligent, uncaring, heedless
  - **Antonyms:**Attentive, considerate, vigilant, scrupulous
  - **Usage:** Surprisingly, the woman was nonchalant about her husband's death.
47. **Mercurial** – subject to sudden or unpredictable changes of mood or mind.
- **Synonyms:** volatile, capricious, temperamental, excitable, fickle, changeable, unpredictable, variable
  - **Antonyms:** stable, steady, constant
  - **Usage:** While my uncle is as predictable as the sunrise, my aunt is very mercurial.
48. **Mutinous** – refusing to obey the orders of a person in authority.
- **Synonyms:** rebellious, insubordinate, subversive, seditious, insurgent, rebel, revolutionary
  - **Antonyms:** obedient, compliant
  - **Usage:** Mutinous employees are protesting low wages by not showing up for work.
49. **Listless** – lacking energy or enthusiasm.
- **Synonyms:** uninterested, impassive; indolent, unenergetic
  - **Antonyms:** energetic, lively
  - **Usage:** The bored students were listless during the professor's long speech
50. **Knave** – a dishonest individual
- **Synonyms:** dishonest, scoundrel, vagabond, rogue
  - **Antonyms:** paragon, innocent, benefactor, idealist
  - **Usage:** After the knave stole the king's crown, he was arrested and placed in the dungeon.
51. **Invincible** – not possible to be defeated or harmed
- **Synonyms:** unconquerable, impregnable, unsubdued, unbeatable
  - **Antonyms:** effeminate, lanquid, crippled, fragile
  - **Usage:** The horrific nightmare filled the woman with consternation.
52. **Infringe** – to trespass upon something
- **Synonyms:** violate, encroach, transgress, trespass
  - **Antonyms:** comply, concur, confirm, observe
  - **Usage:** Having that much work to do at home will only infringe upon my time with my family.
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53. **Gracious** – courteous and kind
- **Synonyms:** Courteous, Beneficent, Magnificent, Dignified
  - **Antonyms:** Rude, Unforgiving, Discourteous, Uncourtly
  - **Usage:** When I met the princess, she was gracious and friendly despite her twelve- hour plane ride.
54. **Encumbrance** – burden or hindrance
- **Synonyms:** Hindrance, obstacle, burden, impediment
  - **Antonyms:** Incentive, stimulant, patronize, vantage
  - **Usage:** He is a great writer, but his inner critic has always been an encumbrance to his own satisfaction with his work.
55. **Commodious** – spacious and convenient; roomy and comfortable
- **Synonyms:** Convenient, suitable, roomy, comfortable
  - **Antonyms:** Inconvenient, confined, unsuitable
  - **Usage:** Even though the house seems to be quite commodious, it's really too run down to justify paying that kind of money for it.
56. **Adjunct** – something that is joined or added to another thing, but not part of the whole
- **Synonyms:** Appendage, complement, addition, joining
  - **Antonyms:** Lessening, separation, removal, subtraction
  - **Usage:** At the family reunion, I felt like an adjunct member because I was not blood related to anyone.
57. **Arraign** – to charge someone in a court of law
- **Synonyms:** Charge, blame, accuse, complain
  - **Antonyms:** Exculpate, pardon, condone, exonerate
  - **Usage:** They wanted to arraign the thief for stealing cars on the same day he was arrested.
58. **Admonish** – to scold; to warn strongly
- **Synonyms:** Counsel, Reprove, warn, chastise
  - **Antonyms:** Approve, applaud, flattery
  - **Usage:** I hope my boss does not admonish me for being late.
59. **Bustle** – to move in a noisy or hurried manner
- **Synonyms:** Haste, tumult, stir, flurry
  - **Antonyms:** Slowness, quiet, inertness
  - **Usage:** He was running late so she had to bustle to reach her office on time.
60. **Baffle** – totally confused or puzzled
- **Synonyms:** Confound, elude, frustrate, perplex
  - **Antonyms:** Poise, composure, facilitate, co-operate
  - **Usage:** The complex puzzle baffled me for several hours before I could connect all the pieces.
61. **Consternation** – a feeling of worry, shock, or fear – often happens when something unexpected happens
- **Synonyms:** dismay, perturbation, anxiety, disquiet, discomposure, trepidation
  - **Antonyms:** satisfaction
  - **Usage:** The horrific nightmare filled the woman with consternation.
62. **Scathing** – extremely severe or harsh
- **Synonyms:** devastating, withering, blistering, searing, scorching, fierce
  - **Antonyms:** mild, gentle, complimentary
  - **Usage:** The scathing criticism did not inspire the student to improve his writing skills.
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- 63. Scamper** – to move quickly with light steps
- **Synonyms:** scurry, scuttle, dart, sprint, hurry, hasten
  - **Antonyms:** stroll, walk
  - **Usage:** After eating his lunch, the boy couldn't wait to scamper outside to play.
- 64. Mendacity** – lack of honesty
- **Synonyms:** august, distinguished, acclaimed, celebrated, revered
  - **Antonyms:** honesty, sincerity
  - **Usage:** Because she was known for her mendacity, she was the first suspect the police interviewed.
- 65. Invigorate** – give strength or energy to.
- **Synonyms:** revitalize, revive, vivify, brace, rejuvenate, enliven
  - **Antonyms:** tire, tiring
  - **Usage:** Hopefully the energy drink will invigorate me so I can work all night on my paper.
- 66. Persecute** – subject (someone) to hostility and ill-treatment, especially because of their race or political or religious beliefs.
- **Synonyms:** oppress, abuse, victimize, ill-treat, mistreat, maltreat, tyrannize
  - **Antonyms:** comfort, soothe
  - **Usage:** His followers were persecuted by the authorities
- 67. Absquatulate** – leave abruptly
- **Synonyms:** abscond, decamp, disappear
  - **Usage:** Before the thief could absquatulate with the diamonds, he was surrounded by police officers.
- 68. Captivating** – attract and hold the interest and attention of; charm.
- **Synonyms:** enthrall, enchant, bewitch, fascinate, beguile, entrance, enrapture
  - **Antonyms:** repel, bore, repellent, boring
  - **Usage:** He was captivated by her beauty
- 69. Loathe** – to hate very much
- **Synonyms:** detest, abhor, despise, abominate, execrate
  - **Antonyms:** cherish, admire, love, adore
  - **Usage:** I loathe having to sit in the waiting room for hours.
- 70. Pensive** – engaged in, involving, or reflecting deep or serious thought
- **Synonyms:** thoughtful, reflective, contemplative, introspective, meditative
  - **Antonyms:** thoughtless, carefree, shallow, ignorant
  - **Usage:** After losing his job, he became more pensive than ever.
- 71. Conundrum** – a confusing and difficult problem or question.
- **Synonyms:** enigma, mystery, problem, stumper, cruncher
  - **Antonyms:** solution, clarification, explanation
  - **Usage:** Trying to solve this conundrum is really making my head hurt.
- 72. Provocative** – tending to provoke or stimulate
- **Synonyms:** annoying, irritating, exasperating, infuriating, maddening
  - **Antonyms:** soothing, calming
  - **Usage:** The purpose of the con artist's provocative speech is to inspire us to give him our life savings.
- 73. Vindicate** – to clear from an accusation, suspicion or criticism
- **Synonyms:** acquit, absolve, exonerate, exculpate, discharge, liberate
  - **Antonyms:** convict, blame, incriminate

- **Usage:** Don't even try to use your charm and good looks to vindicate your obnoxious behavior last night.
- 74. Venerable – worthy of respect because of age, position, or dignity**
- **Synonyms:** august, distinguished, acclaimed, celebrated, revered
  - **Antonyms:** disreputable, dishonourable
  - **Usage:** The title of country president should only be held by a venerable man who has earned the respect of his countrymen.
- 75. Sagacity – ability to make good judgments and decisions**
- **Synonyms:** wisdom, intelligence, understanding, judgement, acuity
  - **Antonyms:** stupidity
  - **Usage:** The coach's sagacity enabled the team to win.
- 76. Reverence – honor or respect felt or shown**
- **Synonyms:** acclaim, admiration, approbation, favour, recognition; worship,
  - **Antonyms:** scorn
  - **Usage:** We can never show enough reverence for our military service workers.
- 77. Querulous – full of complaints; complaining**
- **Synonyms:** petulant, petchish, touchy, testy, tetchy, waspish, prickly
  - **Antonyms:** affable, genial
  - **Usage:** I asked the querulous students in my classroom to put down all their complaints in writing.
- 78. Precocious – having mature qualities at an unusually early age**
- **Synonyms:** advanced, forward, mature, quick, developed, untimely
  - **Antonyms:** backward, slow
  - **Usage:** Because William was insolent to the principal, he got suspended from school for three days.
- 79. Jubilation – a feeling of great happiness and triumph.**
- **Synonyms:** exultation, triumph, joy, rejoicing, elation, euphoria, ecstasy
  - **Antonyms:** despondency
  - **Usage:** unbelievable scenes of jubilation
- 80. Inevitable – certain to happen; unavoidable.**
- **Synonyms:** unavoidable, inescapable, inexorable, unpreventable, assured
  - **Antonyms:** avoidable, uncertain
  - **Usage:** The changing of the seasons is an inevitable aspect of the Earth's climate.
- 81. Lugubrious – looking or sounding sad and gloomy**
- **Synonyms:** mournful, doleful, Eeyorish, melancholy, sorrowful, morose
  - **Antonyms:** cheerful, joyful
  - **Usage:** In his first novel, the mysterious postman is the perfect example of a lugubrious character.
- 82. Vagrant – an individual who lacks regular work and moves around frequently**
- **Synonyms:** transient, roving, floating, unsettled, footloose, itinerant
  - **Usage:** The vagrant does not appear to work and frequently asks tourists for money.
- 83. Confluence – a circumstance where two things merge or occur simultaneously**
- **Synonyms:** convergence, meeting, junction, concourse, conflux
  - **Antonyms:** isolation, departure, division, avulsion
  - **Usage:** The confluence of warm and cold temperatures is going to create a powerful storm.
- 84. Strident – loud and harsh**
- **Synonyms:** raucous, rough, grating, rasping, jarring, blatant, stentorian



- **Antonyms:** soft, dulcet
  - **Usage:** The elderly politician was a strident man who constantly yelled at his staff members.
- 85. Sublime** – something of such excellence, impressive or awe-inspiring
- **Synonyms:** exalted, elevated, noble, lofty, awesome, majestic, magnificent
  - **Antonyms:** poor, lowly, ordinary
  - **Usage:** After the sublime meal, we asked to see the chef so that we could give him our compliments.
- 86. Restive** – feeling bored or impatient while waiting for something to happen or change
- **Synonyms:** restless, fidgety, edgy, tense, uneasy, nervous, agitated, anxious
  - **Antonyms:** calm, biddable, peaceable
  - **Usage:** Since the words are actually opposites, don't make the common mistake of thinking restful and restive mean the same thing.
- 87. Blasphemy** – great disrespect shown to God or something holy
- **Synonyms:** profanity, sacrilege, irreverence, swearing, curse, cursing, impiety
  - **Antonyms:** reverence
  - **Usage:** The minister preached for hours about the sins of blasphemy against the church.
- 88. Insolent** – rude or impolite
- **Synonyms:** impertinent, impudent, cheeky, insubordinate, contemptuous
  - **Antonyms:** polite
  - **Usage:** Because William was insolent to the principal, he got suspended from school for three days.
- 89. Egalitarian** – symbolized by the idea that all individuals should have the same rights
- **Synonyms:** democratic, equal, classless, impartial, mandarin, democrat
  - **Antonyms:** elitist, snobbish, exceptionalism
  - **Usage:** Before new laws granted all citizens equal rights, the country was not an egalitarian nation.
- 90. Parochial** – having a restricted outlook
- **Synonyms:** narrow-minded, provincial, insular, conservative, conventional
  - **Antonyms:** cosmopolitan, broad-minded, liberal
  - **Usage:** Since the professor tends to be parochial, he is often unwilling to listen to theories other than his own.
- 91. Straddle** – to be on both sides of something; to sit or stand with one leg on each side
- **Synonyms:** bestride, mount, span, range, stride, ramble, sprawl
  - **Antonyms:** side, aspect, incline, brink
  - **Usage:** In order to climb the fence, she needed to carefully straddle the structure.
- 92. Peevish** – Easily irritated, testy or annoyed
- **Synonyms:** Cranky, fractious, grumpy, snappy, waspish
  - **Antonyms:** pleasant, agreeable, amiable, affable
  - **Usage:** The baby is peevish because his gums are hurting.
- 93. Archetype** – A model on which all others in the same category are based
- **Synonyms:** Epitome, prototype, standard, exemplar, paradigm, paragon
  - **Antonyms:** atypical, duplicate, reproduction
  - **Usage:** When vampire books became popular, many authors tried to imitate the archetype of the most successful novel.
- 94. Hermit** – One who has withdrawn to a solitary life or religious seclusion
- **Synonyms:** Ascetic, saint, austere, puritanical, abstinent
  - **Usage:** Living alone as a hermit allowed the man to focus on God.

- 95. Cajole** – To persuade by buttering up or making promises
- **Synonyms:** Flatter, tempt, beguile, sweet-talk, compliment
  - **Antonyms:** force, repel, accuse, belittle
  - **Usage:** The candidate managed to cajole many voters into choosing his name on the ballot.
- 96. Espionage** – The act of spying (by the government or otherwise)
- **Synonyms:** Intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance, spying, tailing
  - **Usage:** Espionage is a secret way of finding out what your enemy doesn't want you to know.
- 97. Magnanimous** – Large-hearted or forgiving
- **Synonyms:** Altruistic, generous, bounteous, philanthropic, liberal
  - **Antonyms:** narcissistic, greedy, niggardly, ignoble
  - **Usage:** Because she was kind and generous, the magnanimous queen was loved by all.
- 98. Diabolic** – Having the qualities of the devil
- **Synonyms:** Demonic, devilish, fiendish, infernal, satanic, evil
  - **Antonyms:** angelic, gentle
  - **Usage:** The evil mastermind created a diabolical plan to take over the world.
- 99. Trepidation** – Tremulous fear or agitation
- **Synonyms:** Alarm, apprehension, foreboding, consternation, discomposure
  - **Antonyms:** bravery, contentment, determination, calmness
  - **Usage:** Shaking with trepidation, the young man faced his fear of heights by skydiving.
- 100. Vivacious** – Full of vigour and energy
- **Synonyms:** Bubbly, chirpy, effervescent, energetic, animated
  - **Antonyms:** indolent, spiritless, lethargic
  - **Usage:** The young man drew attention as he entered the party due to his vivacious personality while he bounced around the room.

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