Enhancing one’s vocabulary and having knowledge of synonyms of words is a major asset for any candidate appearing for the Banking examinations. Here we provide a list of 40 such words, their meanings and synonyms for SBI and IBPS Po, clerk which may prove useful for candidates planning to give this exam:

| **Word** | **Meaning** | **Synonyms** |
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| Peevish | Easily irritated, testy or annoyed | Cranky, fractious, grumpy, snappy, waspish |
| Adage | A proverb or byword | Axiom, maxim, dictum, aphorism, precept |
| Machination | To plot evilly for personal gain | Conspiracy, skulduggery, scheme, ruse, manoeuvre |
| Mountebank | Someone who deceives others especially to rob them of their money | Fraudster, impostor, hoaxer, trickster, charlatan |
| Apocryphal | Something whose authenticity is questionable irrespective of its wide circulation | Debatable, fabricated, fictitious, dubious, unsubstantiated |
| Ersatz | An artificial substance used as a substitute to a natural one, often inferior | Adulterated, fabricated, spurious, unnatural, synthetic |
| Archetype | A model on which all others in the same category are based | Epitome, prototype, standard, exemplar, paradigm, paragon |
| Hyperbole | An extravagant statement not meant to be taken literally | Amplification, exaggeration, embellishment, magnification, overstatement |
| Redundant | Surplus, more than what is required | Disposable, dispensable, superfluous, inessential, expendable |
| Hermit | One who has withdrawn to a solitary life or religious seclusion | Ascetic, saint, austere, puritanical, abstinent |
| Cajole | To persuade by buttering up or making promises | Flatter, tempt, beguile, sweet-talk, compliment |
| Espionage | The act of spying (by the government or otherwise) | Intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance, spying, tailing |
| Restive | Unable to remain still, especially because of boredom or dissatisfaction | Agitated, anxious, fidgety, jittery, impatient, restless |
| Brazen | Shameless or impudent | Blatant, unashamed, unabashed, barefaced, unrepentant |
| Accolade | Any honour | Acclaim, award, commendation, laurel, laudation |
| Harbinger | A person or thing which signals the approach of another | Announcer, forerunner, forewarning, herald, prelude |
| Bizarre | Very strange or unusual | Eccentric, aberrant, ludicrous, peculiar, weird, odd |
| Parochial | Having a limited or narrow outlook | Conservative, myopic, intolerant, narrow-minded, illiberal |
| Sanguine | Cheerfully positive and confident | Buoyant, enthusiastic, optimistic, animated, hopeful |
| Magnanimous | Large-hearted or forgiving | Altruistic, generous, bounteous, philanthropic, liberal |
| Sublime | Extreme and unparalleled | Elevated, exalting, magnificent, resplendent, splendid |
| Restraint | A measure to keep something/someone under control | Constraint, inhibition, judiciousness, prohibition, temperateness |
| Trepidation | Tremulous fear or agitation | Alarm, apprehension, foreboding, consternation, discomposure |
| Imperturbable | Incapable of being upset or agitated | Nonchalant, phlegmatic, relaxed, tranquil, undisturbed |
| Congenial | Agreeable and pleasing in nature or character | Comradely, friendly, companionable, hospitable, favourable |
| Strident | Making or having a harsh sound | Discordant, rasping, raucous, vociferous, clamorous, loud |
| Egalitarian | Asserting equality for all people | Democratic, classless, equalitarian, unrestricted, uncensored |
| Confluence | The place where two or more water bodies meet | Conflux, convergence, junction, meeting, union |
| Diabolic | Having the qualities of the devil | Demonic, devilish, fiendish, infernal, satanic, evil |
| Lavish | Occurring or happening in profusion | Expensive, extravagant, luxuriant, opulent, prodigal |
| Insolent | Boldly rude or disrespectful | Abusive, audacious, discourteous, offensive, contemptuous |
| Vagrant | A person who wanders about idly and is homeless and jobless | Nomadic, itinerant, derelict, unsettled, vagabond |
| Gregarious | Fond of the company of other people | Affable, amiable, sociable, genial, neighbourly |
| Vivacious | Full of vigour and energy | Bubbly, chirpy, effervescent, energetic, animated |
| Enigma | An inexplicable person or situation | Conundrum, mystery, paradox, quandary, puzzle |
| Lecherous | Characterised by inappropriate behaviour | Intemperate, indecent, licentious, promiscuous, unchaste |
| Ambivalent | Having mixed feelings about someone or something | Undecided, hesitant, reluctant, irresolute, inconclusive |
| Blasphemy | Impure action or words concerning something religious or sacred | Irreligiousness, disrespect, irreverence, profanity, sacrilege |
| Assuage | To make milder or less severe | Moderate, appease, attenuate, tranquilize, temper |
| Lugubrious | Extremely sad and depressed | Despondent, mournful, doleful, melancholy, woebegone |