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*-noun, plural -gies.*

1. the capacity for vigorous activity; available power: *I eat chocolate to get quick energy.*
2. an adequate or abundant amount of such power: *I seem to have no energy these days.*
3. Often, energies. a feeling of tension caused or seeming to be caused by an excess of such power: *to work off one's energies at tennis.*
4. an exertion of such power: *She plays tennis with great energy.*
5. the habit of vigorous activity; vigor as a characteristic: *Foreigners both admire and laugh at American energy.*
6. the ability to act, lead others, effect, etc., forcefully.
7. forcefulness of expression: *a writing style abounding with energy.*

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8. *Physics.* the capacity to do work; the property of a system that diminishes when the system does work on any other system, by an amount equal to the work so done; potential energy. *Symbol:* E
9. any source of usable power, as fossil fuel, electricity, or solar radiation.



[Origin: 1575–85; < LL *energ a* < Gk *enérgeia* activity, equiv. to *energe-* (s. of *energe n* to be active; see [en-2](#), [work](#)) + *-ia* [-y3](#)]

—*Synonyms* 1. vigor, force, potency. 5. zeal, push.

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en· er· gy   ( n' r-j ) [Pronunciation Key](#)

n. *pl.* en· er· gies

1. The capacity for work or vigorous activity; vigor; power. See Synonyms at [strength](#).
- a. Exertion of vigor or power: *a project requiring a great deal of time and energy.*
- b. Vitality and intensity of expression: *a speech delivered with energy and emotion.*
- c. Usable heat or power: *Each year Americans consume a high percentage of the world's energy.*
- d. A source of usable power, such as petroleum or coal.
  - a. Usable heat or power: *Each year Americans consume a high percentage of the world's energy.*
  - b. A source of usable power, such as petroleum or coal.
4. *Physics* The capacity of a physical system to do work.

[French *énergie*, from Late Latin *energ a*, from Greek *energeia*, from *energos*, *active* : *en-*, *in, at*; see [en-2](#) + *ergon*, *work*; see *werg-* in Indo-European roots.]

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1599, from M.Fr. *energie*, from L.L. *energia*, from Gk. *energeia* "activity, operation," from *energōs* "active, working," from *en-* "at" + *ergon* "work" (see [urge](#) (v.)). Used by Aristotle with a sense of "force of expression;" broader meaning of "power" is first recorded in Eng. 1665. *Energize* "rouse to activity" is from 1753; *energetic* of persons, institutions, etc., is from 1796. *Energy crisis* first attested 1970.

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energy

*noun*

1. (physics) a thermodynamic quantity equivalent to the capacity of a physical system to do work; the units of energy are joules or ergs; "energy can take a wide variety of forms"
2. forceful exertion; "he plays tennis with great energy"; "he's full of zip"
3. enterprising or ambitious drive; "Europeans often laugh at American energy"
4. an imaginative lively style (especially style of writing); "his writing conveys great energy"; "a remarkable muscularity of style"
5. a healthy capacity for vigorous activity; "jogging works off my excess energy"; "he seemed full of vim and vigor"
6. any source of usable power; "the DOE is responsible for maintaining the energy policy"
7. the federal department responsible for maintaining a national energy policy of the United States; created in 1977 [syn: [Department of Energy](#)]

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energy<sup>1</sup> [ en dʒən — plural energies

the ability to act, or the habit of acting, strongly and vigorously

Example: *He has amazing energy for his age; That child has too much energy; I must devote my energies to gardening today.*

*Arabic:*

*Japanese:* 精力

*Latvian:* ener ija

*Chinese (Simplified):* 活力, 劲

*Lithuanian:* energija

*Chinese (Traditional):* 活力, 勁

*Norwegian:* energi,

*Czech:* energie

(handle)

*Danish:* energi;

kraft

kraefter

*Polish:* energia

*Dutch:* energie

*Portuguese (Brazil):* energia

*Estonian:* energia

*Portuguese (Portugal):* energia

*Finnish:* energia

*Romanian:* ener-

*French:* énergie

gie

*German:* die Energie

*Russian:* ;

*Greek:*

*Slovak:* energia

*Hungarian:* energia

*Slovenian:* energija

*Icelandic:* orka, kraftur

*Spanish:* energía

*Indonesian:* tenaga

*Swedish:* energi

*Italian:* energia

*Turkish:* enerji,

takat

energy<sup>2</sup> [ en dʒən

the power, eg of electricity, of doing work


Example: *electrical energy; nuclear energy*

<i>Arabic:</i>	<i>Japanese:</i> エネルギー
<i>Chinese (Simplified):</i> 能 , 能量	<i>Latvian:</i> ener ija
<i>Chinese (Traditional):</i> 能 , 能量	<i>Lithuanian:</i> energija
<i>Czech:</i> energie	<i>Norwegian:</i> energi
<i>Danish:</i> energi; kraft; - energi	<i>Polish:</i> energia
<i>Dutch:</i> energie	<i>Portuguese (Brazil):</i> energia
<i>Estonian:</i> energia, jõud	<i>Portuguese (Portugal):</i> energia
<i>Finnish:</i> energia, voima	<i>Romanian:</i> energie
<i>French:</i> énergie	<i>Russian:</i>
<i>German:</i> die Energie	<i>Slovak:</i> energia
<i>Greek:</i>	<i>Slovenian:</i> energija
<i>Hungarian:</i> energia	<i>Spanish:</i> energía
<i>Icelandic:</i> orka	<i>Swedish:</i> energi, kraft
<i>Indonesian:</i> tenaga	<i>Turkish:</i> güç, enerji
<i>Italian:</i> energia	

See also: [energetic](#)

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energy   ( n' r-j ) [Pronunciation Key](#)

The capacity or power to do work, such as the capacity to move an object (of a given mass) by the application of force. Energy can exist in a variety of forms, such as electrical, mechanical, chemical, thermal, or nuclear, and can be transformed from one form to another. It is measured by the amount of work done, usually in joules or watts. See also [conservation of energy](#), [kinetic energy](#), [potential energy](#). Compare [power](#), [work](#).

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energy

In [physics](#), the ability to do [work](#). Objects can have energy by virtue of their motion ([kinetic energy](#)), by virtue of their position ([potential energy](#)), or by virtue of their [mass](#) (see  $E = mc^2$ ).

*Note:* The most important property of energy is that it is conserved — that is, the total energy of an isolated system does not change with time. This is known as the law of *conservation of energy*. Energy can, however, change form; for example, it can be turned into [mass](#) and back again into energy.

[Chapter:] *Physical Sciences and Mathematics*

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en·er·gy (ĕn'ər-jē)

*n.*

1. The capacity for work or vigorous activity; vigor; power.
2. The capacity of a physical system to do work.

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Main Entry: en·er·gy

Pronunciation: 'en-&r-jE

Function: *noun*

Inflected Form: *plural* -gies

1 : the force driving and sustaining mental activity <in psychoanalytic theory the source of psychic *energy* is the id>

2 : the capacity for doing work

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*U.S. Gazetteer - Cite This Source*

Energy, IL (village, FIPS 24166) Location: 37.77537 N, 89.02575 W

Population (1990): 1106 (408 housing units)

Area: 3.3 sq km (land), 0.0 sq km (water)

*U.S. Gazetteer, U.S. Census Bureau*

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