

Need another word that means the same as “apathy”? Find 17 synonyms and 30 related words for “apathy” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Apathy” are: indifference, numbness, spiritlessness, lack of interest, lack of enthusiasm, lack of concern, unconcern, unresponsiveness, impassivity, passivity, passiveness, detachment, dispassion, dispassionateness, lack of involvement, phlegm, coolness

Apathy as a Noun

Definitions of "Apathy" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “apathy” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *Lack of interest, enthusiasm, or concern.*
- *An absence of emotion or enthusiasm.*
- *The trait of lacking enthusiasm for or interest in things generally.*



Synonyms of "Apathy" as a noun (17 Words)

- coolness** Freedom from excitement, anxiety, or excessive emotion.
*The **coolness** of the breeze.*
- detachment** Coming apart.
*The Squadron went on **detachment** to Malta.*
- dispassion** Lack of strong emotion or personal feelings.
*Try to look upon the war with **dispassion** and detachment.*

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| dispassionateness | Objectivity and detachment. |
| impassivity | Apathy demonstrated by an absence of emotional reactions. |
| indifference | Unimportance. <i>It cannot be regarded as a matter of indifference.</i> |
| lack of concern | The state of needing something that is absent or unavailable. |
| lack of enthusiasm | The state of needing something that is absent or unavailable. |
| lack of interest | The state of needing something that is absent or unavailable. |
| lack of involvement | The state of needing something that is absent or unavailable. |
| numbness | The state of being numb. <i>Tingling and numbness in the left arm.</i> |
| passiveness | Submission to others or to outside influences. |
| passivity | The trait of remaining inactive; a lack of initiative. <i>The passivity of television watching.</i> |
| phlegm | Apathy demonstrated by an absence of emotional reactions. <i>Phlegm and determination carried them through many difficult situations.</i> |
| spiritlessness | The trait of lacking enthusiasm for or interest in things generally. |
| unconcern | A feeling of lack of concern. <i>He is famed for his laid back attitude his apparent unconcern about his actions.</i> |
| unresponsiveness | The quality of being unresponsive; not reacting; as a quality of people, it is marked by a failure to respond quickly or with emotion to people or events. <i>She began to recover from her numb unresponsiveness after the accident.</i> |



Usage Examples of "Apathy" as a noun

- *Widespread apathy among students.*



Associations of "Apathy" (30 Words)

- abandonment** The action or fact of abandoning or being abandoned.
*His **abandonment** of his wife and children left them penniless.*
- aphasia** Inability (or impaired ability) to understand or produce speech, as a result of brain damage.
- callous** Make insensitive or callous deaden feelings or morals.
*A **callous** indifference to suffering.*
- [careless](#)** Not giving sufficient attention or thought to avoiding harm or errors.
*A **careless** error.*
- carelessness** The quality of not being careful or taking pains.
*Most road accidents are caused by **carelessness** on the part of motorists.*
- cynicism** An inclination to believe that people are motivated purely by self-interest; scepticism.
*Public **cynicism** about politics.*

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| <u>disinterest</u> | Tolerance attributable to a lack of involvement. <i>He chided Dennis for his disinterest in anything that is not his own idea.</i> |
| dispassionate | Not influenced by strong emotion, and so able to be rational and impartial. <i>A journalist should be a dispassionate reporter of fact.</i> |
| dizziness | A reeling sensation; a feeling that you are about to fall. <i>The medicine can cause dizziness or nausea.</i> |
| <u>dormant</u> | (of a disease) causing no symptoms but not cured and liable to recur. <i>That dormant urge to write fiction has re emerged.</i> |
| impartiality | An inclination to weigh both views or opinions equally. <i>Entries had to be submitted under a pseudonym to ensure impartiality in the judging process.</i> |
| <u>impersonal</u> | (of a verb) used only with a formal subject (in English usually it) and expressing an action not attributable to a definite subject (as in it is snowing). <i>An impersonal tower block.</i> |
| <u>inaction</u> | The state of being inactive. <i>Future generations will condemn us for inaction.</i> |
| inactive | Not in physical motion. <i>An inactive lifestyle.</i> |
| inattention | Failure to attend to one's responsibilities; negligence. <i>His inattention to duty.</i> |
| indifference | Unimportance. <i>The indifference of Chelsea s midfield.</i> |
| <u>insensitive</u> | Showing or feeling no concern for others' feelings. <i>Both were in many ways insensitive to painting.</i> |
| <u>irony</u> | A state of affairs or an event that seems deliberately contrary to what one expects and is often wryly amusing as a result. <i>Don t go overboard with the gratitude he rejoined with heavy irony.</i> |
| <u>lazy</u> | Characterized by lack of effort or activity. <i>Up a lazy river.</i> |
| <u>negligence</u> | Failure to take proper care over something. <i>His injury was due to the negligence of his employers.</i> |
| neutrality | Tolerance attributable to a lack of involvement. <i>During the war Switzerland maintained its neutrality.</i> |
| nonchalance | The state of being nonchalant. <i>An air of nonchalance.</i> |

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| numbness | The state of being numb. <i>Tingling and numbness in the left arm.</i> |
| paralysis | Inability to act or function properly. <i>A creeping paralysis accompanied by nausea and vomiting.</i> |
| passivity | The state of inactivity of a metal made unreactive by a thin inert surface layer of oxide. <i>Nickel increases the overall passivity of the iron.</i> |
| sarcasm | Witty language used to convey insults or scorn-Jonathan Swif. <i>She didn't like the note of sarcasm in his voice.</i> |
| <u>shortage</u> | A state or situation in which something needed cannot be obtained in sufficient amounts. <i>The problems of land shortage in the countryside.</i> |
| stolid | Calm, dependable, and showing little emotion or animation. <i>Her face showed nothing but stolid indifference.</i> |
| unconcern | A lack of worry or interest, especially when surprising or callous. <i>He is famed for his laid back attitude his apparent unconcern about his actions.</i> |

