

Need another word that means the same as “inaction”? Find 3 synonyms and 30 related words for “inaction” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Inaction” are: inactiveness, inactivity, passivity

Inaction as a Noun

Definitions of "Inaction" as a noun

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

- *The state of being inactive.*
- *Lack of action where some is expected or appropriate.*



Synonyms of "Inaction" as a noun (3 Words)

inactiveness The state of being inactive.

inactivity Reluctance to take action; apathy.
*People are frustrated with government **inactivity**.*

passivity The trait of remaining inactive; a lack of initiative.
*Nickel increases the overall **passivity** of the iron.*



Usage Examples of "Inaction" as a noun

- *Future generations will condemn us for inaction.*



Associations of "Inaction" (30 Words)

- abeyant** Inactive but capable of becoming active.
- apathy** Lack of interest, enthusiasm, or concern.
*Widespread **apathy** among students.*
- dilatory** Slow to act.
*He had been **dilatory** in appointing a solicitor.*
- dormancy** The state of having normal physical functions suspended or slowed down for a period of time; deep sleep.
*Various animal models have been used to study the **dormancy** of tuberculosis in humans.*
- dormant** Temporarily inactive or inoperative.
***Dormant** buds.*
- idleness** Laziness; indolence.
*We suffered a period of enforced **idleness**.*
- inactive** Not engaged in full-time work.
*Desired amounts of **inactive** chlorine.*
- inactivity** Being inactive; being less active.
*People are frustrated with government **inactivity**.*

indifferent	Marked by a lack of interest. <i>In spite of very indifferent weather.</i>
<u>inert</u>	Chemically inactive. <i>She was fat and inert.</i>
languor	Tiredness or inactivity, especially when pleasurable. <i>The afternoon was hot quiet and heavy with languor.</i>
latent	(pathology) not presently active. <i>Latent diabetes.</i>
<u>lazy</u>	Disinclined to work or exertion. <i>Up a lazy river.</i>
<u>lethargy</u>	A pathological state of sleepiness or deep unresponsiveness and inactivity. <i>There was an air of lethargy about him.</i>
<u>lifeless</u>	Lacking animation or excitement or activity. <i>His lifeless body was taken from the river.</i>
lull	A period of calm weather. <i>The rhythm of the boat lulled her to sleep.</i>
<u>motionless</u>	Not in physical motion. <i>An eagle hung almost motionless close to the ground.</i>
<u>passive</u>	The passive voice. <i>The ball was thrown by the boy uses the passive voice.</i>
passivity	The trait of remaining inactive; a lack of initiative. <i>The perceived passivity of the populace is deceptive.</i>
quiescence	Inactivity or dormancy. <i>This method has been shown to induce sleep like quiescence in adult animals.</i>
quiescent	Marked by a state of tranquil repose. <i>A quiescent tumor.</i>
<u>retired</u>	Having left one's job and ceased to work. <i>He lead a simple and retired life.</i>
<u>sedentary</u>	Inhabiting the same locality throughout life; not migratory or nomadic. <i>Forced by illness to lead a sedentary life.</i>
<u>shortage</u>	An acute insufficiency. <i>The problems of land shortage in the countryside.</i>
sluggish	(of business) not active or brisk. <i>A sluggish worker.</i>
<u>stagnant</u>	Not circulating or flowing. <i>A stagnant economy.</i>

- stagnate** Cause to stagnate.
*Industry will **stagnate** if we do not stimulate our economy.*
- stationary** Not moving or not intended to be moved.
***Stationary** machinery.*
- still** A plant and works where alcoholic drinks are made by distillation.
*He sat **still** as a statue.*
- torpid** Slow and apathetic.
***Torpid** frogs.*

