

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**.*

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

