

Need another word that means the same as “indolent”? Find 21 synonyms and 30 related words for “indolent” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Indolent” are: faineant, lazy, otiose, slothful, work-shy, idle, shiftless, apathetic, lackadaisical, inactive, inert, lifeless, sluggish, lethargic, listless, languid, torpid, slow, slow-moving, dull, plodding**

## **Indolent as an Adjective**

### **Definitions of "Indolent" as an adjective**

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “indolent” as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *(of a disease or condition) causing little or no pain.*
- *Disinclined to work or exertion.*
- *(especially of an ulcer) slow to develop, progress, or heal; persistent.*
- *Wanting to avoid activity or exertion; lazy.*
- *(of tumors, e.g.) slow to heal or develop and usually painless.*
- *Slow to heal or develop and usually painless.*



## Synonyms of "Indolent" as an adjective (21 Words)

- apathetic** Showing or feeling no interest, enthusiasm, or concern.  
*An **apathetic** audience.*
- dull** (of a person) slow to understand; stupid.  
*His competent but **dull** performance.*
- faineant** Disinclined to work or exertion.  
***Faineant** kings under whose rule the country languished.*
- idle** (of a person) not working; unemployed.  
*10 3 per cent of the workforce is now **idle**.*
- inactive** Not engaged in full-time work.  
***Inactive** reserve.*
- inert** Having only a limited ability to react chemically; chemically inactive.  
*An **inert** political system.*
- lackadaisical** Idle or indolent especially in a dreamy way.  
*She was annoyingly **lackadaisical** and impractical.*

<b><u>languid</u></b>	Weak or faint from illness or fatigue. <i>She was pale <b>languid</b> and weak as if she had delivered a child.</i>
<b><u>lazy</u></b>	Characterized by lack of effort or activity. <i>A <b>lazy</b> lowland river.</i>
<b><u>lethargic</u></b>	Deficient in alertness or activity. <i>Bullfrogs became <b>lethargic</b> with the first cold nights.</i>
<b><u>lifeless</u></b>	Deprived of life; no longer living. <i>The <b>lifeless</b> landscapes of the moon.</i>
<b><u>listless</u></b>	Marked by low spirits; showing no enthusiasm. <i>Bouts of <b>listless</b> depression.</i>
<b>otiose</b>	Serving no practical purpose or result. <i><b>Otiose</b> lines in a play.</i>
<b>plodding</b>	(of a person) thorough and hard-working but lacking in imagination or intelligence. <i><b>Plodding</b> methodical Ralph Bellamy.</i>
<b>shiftless</b>	Lacking or characterized by lack of ambition or initiative; lazy. <i>A <b>shiftless</b> student.</i>
<b>slothful</b>	Disinclined to work or exertion. <i>Fatigue made him <b>slothful</b>.</i>
<b>slow</b>	Of a sports field or ground likely to make the ball bounce or run slowly or to prevent competitors from travelling fast. <i>The journey home was <b>slow</b>.</i>
<b>slow-moving</b>	Moving slowly.
<b>sluggish</b>	Not active or brisk. <i>A <b>sluggish</b> market.</i>
<b>torpid</b>	Mentally or physically inactive; lethargic. <i>The animal need not lie around in a <b>torpid</b> state vulnerable to attack.</i>
<b>work-shy</b>	Disinclined to work or exertion.

## Usage Examples of "Indolent" as an adjective

- *Leprosy is an indolent infectious disease.*
- *An indolent ulcer.*
- *They were indolent and addicted to a life of pleasure.*
- *An indolent hanger-on.*

## Associations of "Indolent" (30 Words)

<b>abeyant</b>	Inactive but capable of becoming active.
<b>bored</b>	Feeling weary and impatient because one is unoccupied or lacks interest in one's current activity. <i>Strolled through the museum with a <b>bored</b> air.</i>
<b>dilatory</b>	Intended to cause delay. <i>They resorted to <b>dilatory</b> tactics forcing a postponement of peace talks.</i>
<b>easygoing</b>	Not hurried or forced. <i>The <b>easygoing</b> life of a parttime consultant.</i>
<b>facile</b>	(of a person) having a superficial or simplistic knowledge or approach. <i>A <b>facile</b> hand.</i>
<b>faithless</b>	Disloyal, especially to a spouse or partner. <i>They were ungodly and <b>faithless</b>.</i>
<b>fidget</b>	A person who fidgets. <i>The audience began to <b>fidget</b> and whisper.</i>
<b>idle</b>	Cause an engine to idle. <i><b>Idle</b> fears.</i>
<b>idleness</b>	The trait of being idle out of a reluctance to work. <i>He was punished for his <b>idleness</b> at school.</i>
<b>inaction</b>	The state of being inactive. <i>Future generations will condemn us for <b>inaction</b>.</i>
<b>inactive</b>	Not participating in a chemical reaction; chemically inert. <i>An <b>inactive</b> member.</i>
<b>inactivity</b>	The state of being inactive; idleness. <i>Don't suddenly take up violent exercise after years of <b>inactivity</b>.</i>
<b>indolence</b>	Avoidance of activity or exertion; laziness. <i>My failure is probably due to my own <b>indolence</b>.</i>
<b>inert</b>	Having only a limited ability to react chemically; chemically inactive. <i>An <b>inert</b> political system.</i>
<b>insincerity</b>	The quality of not being open or truthful; deceitful or hypocritical. <i>He had no patience for anything that smacked of <b>insincerity</b> or hypocrisy.</i>
<b>languor</b>	An oppressive stillness of the air. <i>Summer shows all the <b>languor</b> of a hot breezeless day as the dancer lazily brushes her hand over her brow.</i>
<b>languorous</b>	Characterized by an oppressive stillness. <i>The <b>languorous</b> pace of the film.</i>

<b>laze</b>	A spell of lazing around. <i>A <b>laze</b> in the sun.</i>
<b>lazy</b>	Unwilling to work or use energy. <i><b>Lazy</b> white clouds.</i>
<b>neglectful</b>	Not giving proper care or attention to someone or something. <i><b>Neglectful</b> of his duties.</i>
<b>negligence</b>	Failure to act with the prudence that a reasonable person would exercise under the same circumstances. <i>His injury was due to the <b>negligence</b> of his employers.</i>
<b>potter</b>	A craftsman who shapes pottery on a potter s wheel and bakes them it a kiln. <i>The old lady is <b>pottering</b> around in the garden.</i>
<b>shiftless</b>	Lacking or characterized by lack of ambition or initiative; lazy. <i>Studied in a <b>shiftless</b> way.</i>
<b>sloppy</b>	(of semi-fluid matter) containing too much liquid; watery. <i>A <b>sloppy</b> saucer.</i>
<b>slothful</b>	Lazy. <i><b>Slothful</b> employees.</i>
<b>slug</b>	An amount of an alcoholic drink (usually liquor) that is poured or gulped. <i>He <b>slugged</b> me so hard that I passed out.</i>
<b>sluggish</b>	Moving slowly. <i>A <b>sluggish</b> market.</i>
<b>stagnate</b>	Cause to stagnate. <i>Industry will <b>stagnate</b> if we do not stimulate our economy.</i>
<b>tardy</b>	Slow in action or response; sluggish. <i>This makes the car feel <b>tardy</b> in quick manoeuvres.</i>
<b>wastrel</b>	A wasteful or good-for-nothing person. <i>I have no intention of seeing my dues gambled away by your <b>wastrel</b> of a son.</i>