

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)

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

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

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

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