

Need another word that means the same as “involuntary”? Find 18 synonyms and 30 related words for “involuntary” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Involuntary” are: nonvoluntary, unvoluntary, reflex, reflexive, automatic, mechanical, unconditioned, compulsory, obligatory, mandatory, forced, coercive, exacted, imposed, required, constrained, ordained, prescribed

Involuntary as an Adjective

Definitions of "Involuntary" as an adjective

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

- *Not subject to the control of the will.*
- *Done without will or conscious control.*
- *Controlled by the autonomic nervous system; without conscious control.*
- *(especially of muscles or nerves) concerned in bodily processes that are not under the control of the will.*
- *Not subject to the control of the will- John F.Kennedy.*
- *Done against someone's will; compulsory.*

Synonyms of "Involuntary" as an adjective (18 Words)

automatic	(of a device or process) working by itself with little or no direct human control. <i>Automatic</i> transmission.
coercive	Relating to or using force or threats. <i>Authority is directional instead of coercive.</i>

compulsory	Required by law or a rule; obligatory. <i>Compulsory military service.</i>
constrained	Severely restricted in scope, extent, or activity. <i>A constrained smile.</i>
exacted	Marked by strict and particular and complete accordance with fact.
forced	Forced or compelled. <i>A forced smile.</i>
imposed	Set forth authoritatively as obligatory. <i>The imposed taxation.</i>
mandatory	Required by rule. <i>Wearing helmets was made mandatory for pedal cyclists.</i>
mechanical	Operated by a machine or machinery. <i>Mechanical design.</i>
nonvoluntary	Not subject to the control of the will- John F.Kennedy.
obligatory	Morally or legally constraining or binding. <i>A sovereign whose laws are obligatory.</i>
ordained	Fixed or established especially by order or command. <i>An ordained priest.</i>
prescribed	Fixed or established especially by order or command. <i>In prescribed order.</i>
reflex	Without volition or conscious control. <i>Sneezing is a reflex action.</i>
reflexive	Of a verb or clause having a reflexive pronoun as its object e g wash oneself. <i>At concerts like this one standing ovations have become reflexive.</i>
required	Required by rule. <i>Eight editions were published each required reading for trainees.</i>
unconditioned	Not subject to conditions or to an antecedent condition; unconditional. <i>An unconditioned reflex.</i>
unvoluntary	Not subject to the control of the will- John F.Kennedy.

Usage Examples of "Involuntary" as an adjective

- *She gave an involuntary shudder.*
- *A policy of involuntary repatriation.*
- *It (becoming a hero) was involuntary. They sank my boat.*
- *Involuntary muscles.*

- *Gave an involuntary start.*
- *An involuntary shudder.*
- *Involuntary manslaughter.*
- *Involuntary servitude.*

Associations of "Involuntary" (30 Words)

accidental	A musical notation that makes a note sharp or flat or natural although that is not part of the key signature. <i>A verdict of accidental death.</i>
adventitious	Associated by chance and not an integral part. <i>Adventitious similarities.</i>
anonymous	Having no known name or identity or known source. <i>Anonymous authors.</i>
<u>automatic</u>	A vehicle with automatic transmission. <i>An automatic thank you.</i>
<u>blind</u>	Make blind by putting the eyes out. <i>The holding company was just a blind.</i>
forced	Forced or compelled. <i>A forced smile.</i>
incidental	An item that is incidental. <i>Confusion incidental to a quick change.</i>
instinctive	Relating to or prompted by instinct; done without conscious thought. <i>An instinctive distaste for conflict.</i>
nameless	(of a child) illegitimate. <i>The myths talk about nameless horrors infesting our universe.</i>
<u>naturally</u>	As may be expected. <i>One leads naturally into the other.</i>
obligatory	Morally or legally constraining or binding. <i>It was a quiet little street with the obligatory pub at the end.</i>
<u>opportunist</u>	Opportunistic. <i>The calculating and opportunist politician.</i>
reflex	In reflexology a response in a part of the body to stimulation of a corresponding point on the feet hands or head. <i>An act of consciousness is a reflex act with its own object viz the act of knowledge itself.</i>

<u>robotic</u>	Of or relating to mechanical robots. <i>His robotic voice.</i>
<u>spontaneous</u>	(of a plant) growing naturally and without being tended or cultivated. <i>Spontaneous combustion.</i>
spontaneously	Without advance preparation. <i>A surprising number of early pregnancies spontaneously abort.</i>
tripping	Moving easily and quickly; nimble. <i>A tripping singing measure.</i>
<u>unaware</u>	(often followed by `of') not aware. <i>Unaware of the danger they were in.</i>
<u>unconscious</u>	Unaware of. <i>Lay unconscious on the floor.</i>
<u>unexpected</u>	Not expected or anticipated. <i>He seemed to have a knack for saying the unexpected.</i>
<u>unfamiliar</u>	Not having knowledge or experience of. <i>A name unfamiliar to most.</i>
unidentified	Not yet identified. <i>An unidentified species.</i>
<u>unintended</u>	Not deliberate. <i>The unintended consequences of people's actions.</i>
<u>unintentional</u>	Done or made or performed with purpose and intent. <i>An unintentional pun.</i>
<u>unintentionally</u>	Not on purpose. <i>She hit him unintentionally.</i>
unknown	An unknown person or thing. <i>An unknown writer.</i>
<u>unnamed</u>	Being or having an unknown or unnamed source. <i>The unnamed man was found unconscious.</i>
<u>unwillingly</u>	Against one's wishes; reluctantly. <i>He unwillingly went back to the family business in the City.</i>
unwitting	Unaware because of a lack of relevant information or knowledge. <i>His rudeness was unwitting.</i>
<u>voluntary</u>	Under the conscious control of the brain. <i>A voluntary confession.</i>