

Need another word that means the same as “lethargy”? Find 34 synonyms and 30 related words for “lethargy” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Lethargy” are: inanition, lassitude, slackness, sluggishness, flatness, languor, phlegm, inertia, inactivity, inaction, slowness, torpor, torpidity, lifelessness, dullness, listlessness, stagnation, dormancy, laziness, idleness, indolence, shiftlessness, sloth, apathy, passivity, ennui, weariness, tiredness, fatigue, sleepiness, drowsiness, enervation, somnolence, narcosis**

## Lethargy as a Noun

### Definitions of "Lethargy" as a noun

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

- *Weakness characterized by a lack of vitality or energy.*
- *A state of comatose torpor (as found in sleeping sickness).*
- *Inactivity; showing an unusual lack of energy.*
- *A lack of energy and enthusiasm.*
- *A pathological state of sleepiness or deep unresponsiveness and inactivity.*



## Synonyms of "Lethargy" as a noun (34 Words)

### [apathy](#)

The trait of lacking enthusiasm for or interest in things generally.  
*Widespread **apathy** among students.*

### **dormancy**

The state of being temporarily inactive or inoperative.  
*Some large volcanoes spend thousands of years in a state of **dormancy**.*

### **drowsiness**

A very sleepy state.  
*This drug can cause **drowsiness**.*

### **dullness**

Lack of sensibility.  
*A desert of unremitting flatness and **dullness**.*

### **enervation**

Serious weakening and loss of energy.  
*A sense of **enervation**.*

### **ennui**

A feeling of listlessness and dissatisfaction arising from a lack of occupation or excitement.  
*He succumbed to **ennui** and despair.*

<b>fatigue</b>	Used of materials (especially metals) in a weakened state caused by long stress. <i>Metal <b>fatigue</b>.</i>
<b>flatness</b>	Inactivity; showing an unusual lack of energy. <i>Make sure that the paper is of uniform <b>flatness</b>.</i>
<b>idleness</b>	Laziness; indolence. <i>We suffered a period of enforced <b>idleness</b>.</i>
<b><u>inaction</u></b>	Lack of action where some is expected or appropriate. <i>Future generations will condemn us for <b>inaction</b>.</i>
<b>inactivity</b>	The state of being inactive; idleness. <i>People are frustrated with government <b>inactivity</b>.</i>
<b>inanition</b>	Exhaustion resulting from lack of food. <i>She was thinking that old age bred <b>inanition</b>.</i>
<b>indolence</b>	Inactivity resulting from a dislike of work. <i>My failure is probably due to my own <b>indolence</b>.</i>
<b>inertia</b>	A disposition to remain inactive or inert. <i>The power required to overcome friction and the <b>inertia</b> of the moving parts.</i>
<b>languor</b>	Oppressively still air. <i>Her whole being was pervaded by a dreamy <b>languor</b>.</i>
<b>lassitude</b>	A feeling of lack of interest or energy. <i>She was overcome by <b>lassitude</b> and retired to bed.</i>
<b>laziness</b>	Relaxed and easy activity. <i>The <b>laziness</b> of the day helped her to relax.</i>
<b>lifelessness</b>	A state of no motion or movement.
<b>listlessness</b>	A feeling of lack of interest or energy.
<b>narcosis</b>	A state of stupor, drowsiness, or unconsciousness produced by drugs. <i>The patient was treated in prone position without <b>narcosis</b>.</i>
<b>passivity</b>	Submission to others or to outside influences. <i>The perceived <b>passivity</b> of the populace is deceptive.</i>
<b>phlegm</b>	Apathy demonstrated by an absence of emotional reactions. <i><b>Phlegm</b> and determination carried them through many difficult situations.</i>
<b>shiftlessness</b>	A failure to be active as a consequence of lack of initiative or ambition.
<b>slackness</b>	Dust consisting of a mixture of small coal fragments and coal dust and dirt that sifts out when coal is passed over a sieve. <i>He hadn't counted on the <b>slackness</b> of the rope.</i>

<b>sleepiness</b>	A very sleepy state. <i><b>Sleepiness</b> causes many driving accidents.</i>
<b><u>sloth</u></b>	Reluctance to work or make an effort; laziness. <i>He should overcome his natural <b>sloth</b> and complacency.</i>
<b><u>slowness</u></b>	Lack of normal development of intellectual capacities. <i>He was mocked for his <b>slowness</b> in class.</i>
<b>sluggishness</b>	A state of comatose torpor (as found in sleeping sickness). <i>The <b>sluggishness</b> of the economy.</i>
<b>somnolence</b>	A very sleepy state.
<b><u>stagnation</u></b>	Lack of activity, growth, or development. <i>Blocked drains resulting in water <b>stagnation</b>.</i>
<b>tiredness</b>	The state of wishing for sleep or rest; weariness. <i><b>Tiredness</b> overcame her and she fell into a deep slumber.</i>
<b>torpidity</b>	A state of motor and mental inactivity with a partial suspension of sensibility.
<b>torpor</b>	Inactivity resulting from lethargy and lack of vigor or energy. <i>They veered between apathetic <b>torpor</b> and hysterical fanaticism.</i>
<b>weariness</b>	Temporary loss of strength and energy resulting from hard physical or mental work. <i><b>Weariness</b> overcame her after twelve hours and she fell asleep.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Lethargy" as a noun

- *There was an air of lethargy about him.*
- *A history of weight loss, lethargy, and fluid retention.*

## Associations of "Lethargy" (30 Words)

<b>asleep</b>	In a state of sleep. <i>My foot is <b>asleep</b>.</i>
<b>dispirited</b>	Filled with melancholy and despondency. <i>A <b>dispirited</b> and resigned expression on her face.</i>
<b>dormant</b>	(of a volcano) temporarily inactive. <i>That <b>dormant</b> urge to write fiction has re emerged.</i>
<b>doze</b>	Sleep lightly or for a short period of time. <i>I <b>dozed</b> off for a few seconds.</i>



<b>dreamy</b>	Dreamy in mood or nature. <i>A <b>dreamy</b> boy who grew up absorbed in poetry.</i>
<b>drowsiness</b>	A feeling of being sleepy and lethargic; sleepiness. <i>This drug can cause <b>drowsiness</b>.</i>
<u><b>drowsy</b></u>	Half asleep. <i>A <b>drowsy</b> suburb called Surrey Hills.</i>
<u><b>groggy</b></u>	Dazed, weak, or unsteady, especially from illness, intoxication, sleep, or a blow. <i>The sleeping pills had left her feeling <b>groggy</b>.</i>
<b>inactive</b>	Not participating in a chemical reaction; chemically inert. <i>Illness forced him to live an <b>inactive</b> life.</i>
<u><b>inert</b></u>	Lacking the ability or strength to move. <i>She lay <b>inert</b> in her bed.</i>
<b>languor</b>	Inactivity; showing an unusual lack of energy. <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>lassitude</b>	Weakness characterized by a lack of vitality or energy. <i>She was overcome by <b>lassitude</b> and retired to bed.</i>
<u><b>lazy</b></u>	(of a brand on livestock) placed on its side rather than upright. <i>He was too <b>lazy</b> to cook.</i>
<u><b>lethargic</b></u>	Deficient in alertness or activity. <i>Bullfrogs became <b>lethargic</b> with the first cold nights.</i>
<u><b>listless</b></u>	Lacking zest or vivacity. <i>He was <b>listless</b> and bored.</i>
<b>listlessness</b>	A feeling of lack of interest or energy.
<b>nap</b>	Sleeping for a short period of time (usually not in bed). <i>She <b>naps</b> everyday after lunch for an hour.</i>
<b>powerless</b>	Lacking power. <i>Troops were <b>powerless</b> to stop last night's shooting.</i>
<u><b>retired</b></u>	(of a person) reserved; uncommunicative. <i>A <b>retired</b> headmaster.</i>
<b>sleeping</b>	Lying with head on paws as if sleeping. <i>He looked at the <b>sleeping</b> child.</i>
<u><b>sleepy</b></u>	Needing or ready for sleep. <i>A <b>sleepy</b> eyed child with drooping eyelids.</i>
<b>sluggish</b>	(of business) not active or brisk. <i>Alex woke late feeling tired and <b>sluggish</b>.</i>

<b>sluggishness</b>	A state of comatose torpor (as found in sleeping sickness). <i>The <b>sluggishness</b> of the economy.</i>
<b>somnolence</b>	A very sleepy state.
<b>somnolent</b>	Sleepy; drowsy. <i>The sound had a <b>somnolent</b> effect.</i>
<b>tired</b>	(especially of a statement or idea) boring or uninteresting because overfamiliar. <i>She was <b>tired</b> out now that the strain was over.</i>
<b>tiredness</b>	The state of wishing for sleep or rest; weariness. <i><b>Tiredness</b> overcame her and she fell into a deep slumber.</i>
<b>torpid</b>	In a condition of biological rest or suspended animation. <i>The animal need not lie around in a <b>torpid</b> state vulnerable to attack.</i>
<b>torpor</b>	A state of motor and mental inactivity with a partial suspension of sensibility. <i>They veered between apathetic <b>torpor</b> and hysterical fanaticism.</i>
<b>uninterested</b>	Having no care or interest in knowing. <i>I was totally <b>uninterested</b> in boys.</i>