

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 unrelenting 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.*

fatigue	Used of materials (especially metals) in a weakened state caused by long stress. <i>Metal fatigue.</i>
flatness	Inactivity; showing an unusual lack of energy. <i>Make sure that the paper is of uniform flatness.</i>
idleness	Laziness; indolence. <i>We suffered a period of enforced idleness.</i>
<u>inaction</u>	Lack of action where some is expected or appropriate. <i>Future generations will condemn us for inaction.</i>
inactivity	The state of being inactive; idleness. <i>People are frustrated with government inactivity.</i>
inanition	Exhaustion resulting from lack of food. <i>She was thinking that old age bred inanition.</i>
indolence	Inactivity resulting from a dislike of work. <i>My failure is probably due to my own indolence.</i>
inertia	A disposition to remain inactive or inert. <i>The power required to overcome friction and the inertia of the moving parts.</i>
languor	Oppressively still air. <i>Her whole being was pervaded by a dreamy languor.</i>
lassitude	A feeling of lack of interest or energy. <i>She was overcome by lassitude and retired to bed.</i>
laziness	Relaxed and easy activity. <i>The laziness of the day helped her to relax.</i>
lifelessness	A state of no motion or movement.
listlessness	A feeling of lack of interest or energy.
narcosis	A state of stupor, drowsiness, or unconsciousness produced by drugs. <i>The patient was treated in prone position without narcosis.</i>
passivity	Submission to others or to outside influences. <i>The perceived passivity of the populace is deceptive.</i>
phlegm	Apathy demonstrated by an absence of emotional reactions. <i>Phlegm and determination carried them through many difficult situations.</i>
shiftlessness	A failure to be active as a consequence of lack of initiative or ambition.
slackness	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 slackness of the rope.</i>

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

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

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

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