

Need another word that means the same as “reluctance”? Find 6 synonyms and 30 related words for “reluctance” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Reluctance” are: disinclination, hesitancy, hesitation, indisposition, unwillingness, lack of enthusiasm

Reluctance as a Noun

Definitions of "Reluctance" as a noun

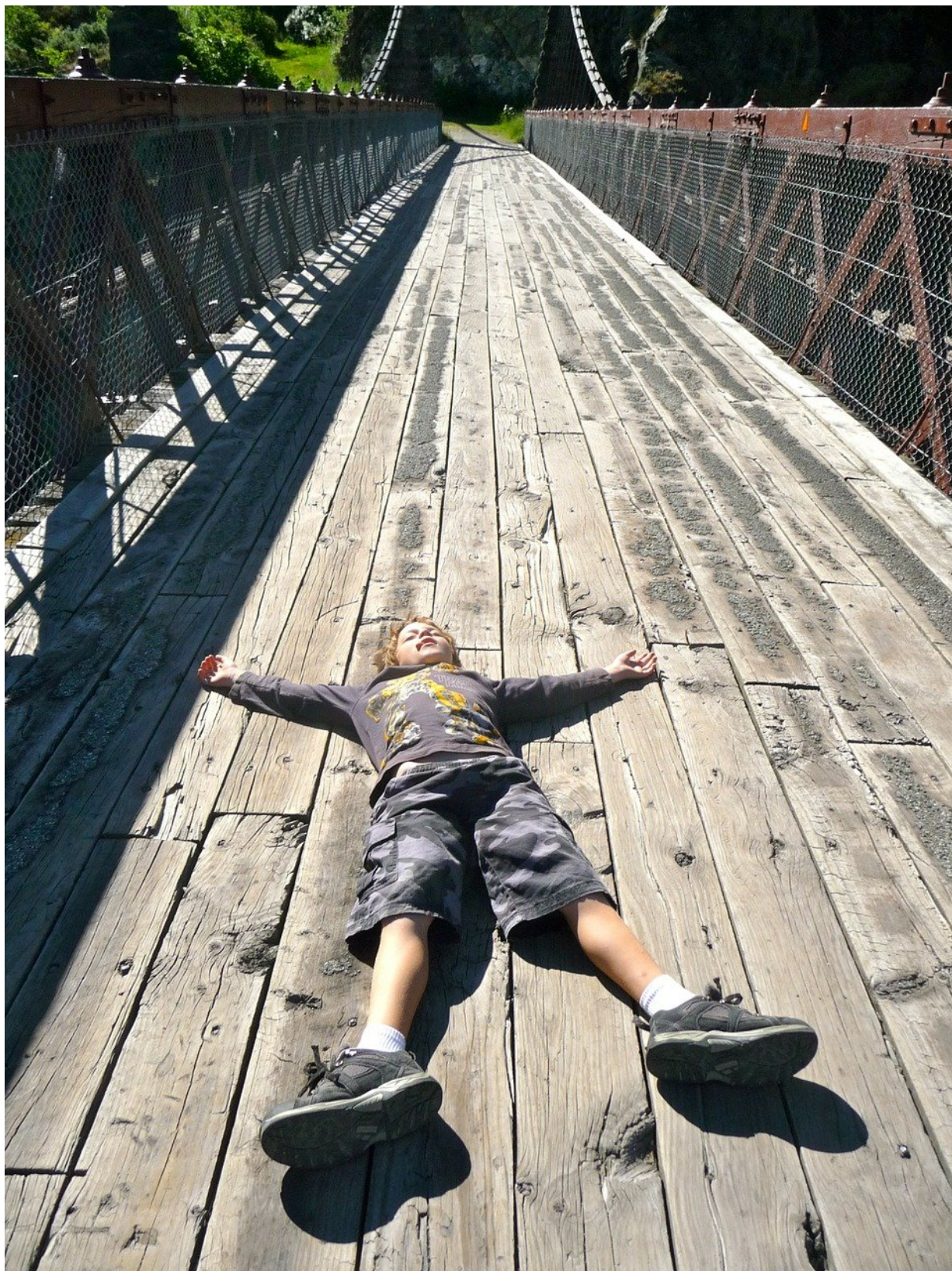
According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “reluctance” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *A certain degree of unwillingness.*
- *Opposition to magnetic flux (analogous to electric resistance.*
- *Unwillingness or disinclination to do something.*
- *(physics) opposition to magnetic flux (analogous to electric resistance.*
- *The property of a magnetic circuit of opposing the passage of magnetic flux lines, equal to the ratio of the magnetomotive force to the magnetic flux.*



Synonyms of "Reluctance" as a noun (6 Words)

disinclination	That toward which you are inclined to feel dislike. <i>Lucy felt a strong disinclination to talk about her engagement.</i>
hesitancy	The quality or state of being hesitant. <i>His hesitancy revealed his basic indisposition.</i>
hesitation	A certain degree of unwillingness. <i>I have no hesitation in recommending him.</i>
indisposition	A slight illness. <i>Indisposition to motion exertion or change.</i>
lack of enthusiasm	The state of needing something that is absent or unavailable.
unwillingness	The trait of being unwilling. <i>His unwillingness to cooperate vetoed every proposal I made.</i>



Usage Examples of "Reluctance" as a noun

- *A reluctance to commit himself.*
- *She sensed his reluctance to continue.*



Associations of "Reluctance" (30 Words)

[abominate](#)

Find repugnant.

They **abominated** the very idea of monarchy.

averse

(usually followed by `to') strongly opposed.

As a former CIA director he is not **averse** to secrecy.

[avert](#)

Turn away (one's eyes or thoughts).

Avert a strike.

detest	Dislike intensely; feel antipathy or aversion towards. <i>She detests politicians.</i>
disinclination	A reluctance or lack of enthusiasm. <i>Lucy felt a strong disinclination to talk about her engagement.</i>
disinclined	Unwilling; reluctant. <i>The rural community was disinclined to abandon the old ways.</i>
dislike	Have or feel a dislike or distaste for. <i>My dislike of him was instinctive.</i>
hate	Feel intense dislike for. <i>I hate Mexican food.</i>
hesitance	The quality or state of being tentative, unsure, or slow in acting or speaking. <i>They agreed to go along after initial hesitance.</i>
hesitancy	The quality or state of being hesitant. <i>Jackson took advantage of some hesitancy in the defence to rifle in a shot.</i>
hesitant	Tentative, unsure, or slow in acting or speaking. <i>Her slow hesitant way of speaking.</i>
hesitantly	With hesitation; in a hesitant manner. <i>He speaks hesitantly and his voice is shaky.</i>
hesitate	Be reluctant to do something. <i>He hesitated to spoil the mood by being inquisitive.</i>
hesitating	Lacking decisiveness of character; unable to act or decide quickly or firmly. <i>His hesitating delivery.</i>
hesitatingly	With hesitation; in a hesitant manner.
hesitation	The action of pausing before saying or doing something. <i>She answered without hesitation.</i>
indecision	Doubt concerning two or more possible alternatives or courses of action. <i>Government indecision over the future of local taxation.</i>
indecisive	Not providing a clear and definite result. <i>An indecisive manager brought the enterprise to a standstill.</i>
initial	Mark or sign a document with one's initials in order to authorize or validate it. <i>They carved their initials into the tree trunk.</i>
irresolute	Uncertain how to act or proceed. <i>She stood irresolute outside his door.</i>
irresolution	The trait of being irresolute; lacking firmness of purpose. <i>A moment of irresolution.</i>

loath	Unwillingness to do something contrary to your custom. <i>I was loath to leave.</i>
<u>loathe</u>	Feel intense dislike or disgust for. <i>I loathe that man.</i>
negatively	In a negative way, especially by expressing denial, disagreement, or refusal. <i>Investors reacted negatively to the news.</i>
reluctant	Unwillingness to do something contrary to your custom. <i>Fresh from college and reluctant for the moment to marry him.</i>
<u>unwilling</u>	In spite of contrary volition. <i>Unwilling conscripts.</i>
<u>unwillingly</u>	In an unwilling manner. <i>He unwillingly went back to the family business in the City.</i>
unwillingness	The quality or state of being unwilling to do something; reluctance. <i>He deplored the Government's unwillingness to provide adequate funds.</i>
vacillating	Uncertain in purpose or action. <i>He was accused of vacillating leadership.</i>
waver	Sway from side to side. <i>The flame wavered in the draught.</i>

