

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:

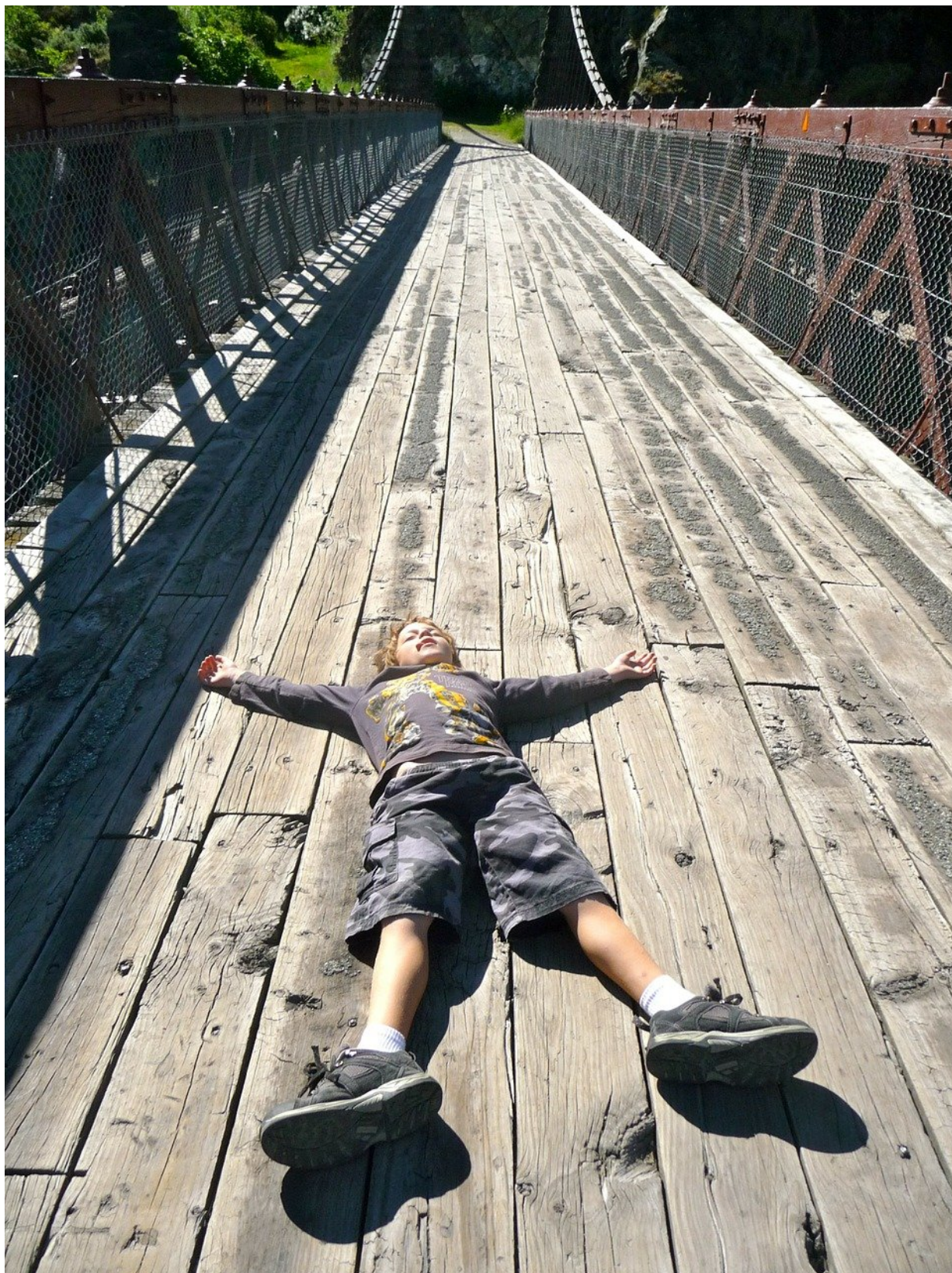
- *A certain degree of unwillingness.*
- *Opposition to magnetic flux (analogous to electric resistance).*
- *Unwillingness or disinclination to do something.*
- *(physics) opposition to magnetic flux (analogous to electric resistance).*
- *The property of a magnetic circuit of opposing the passage of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



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

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

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

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

