

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

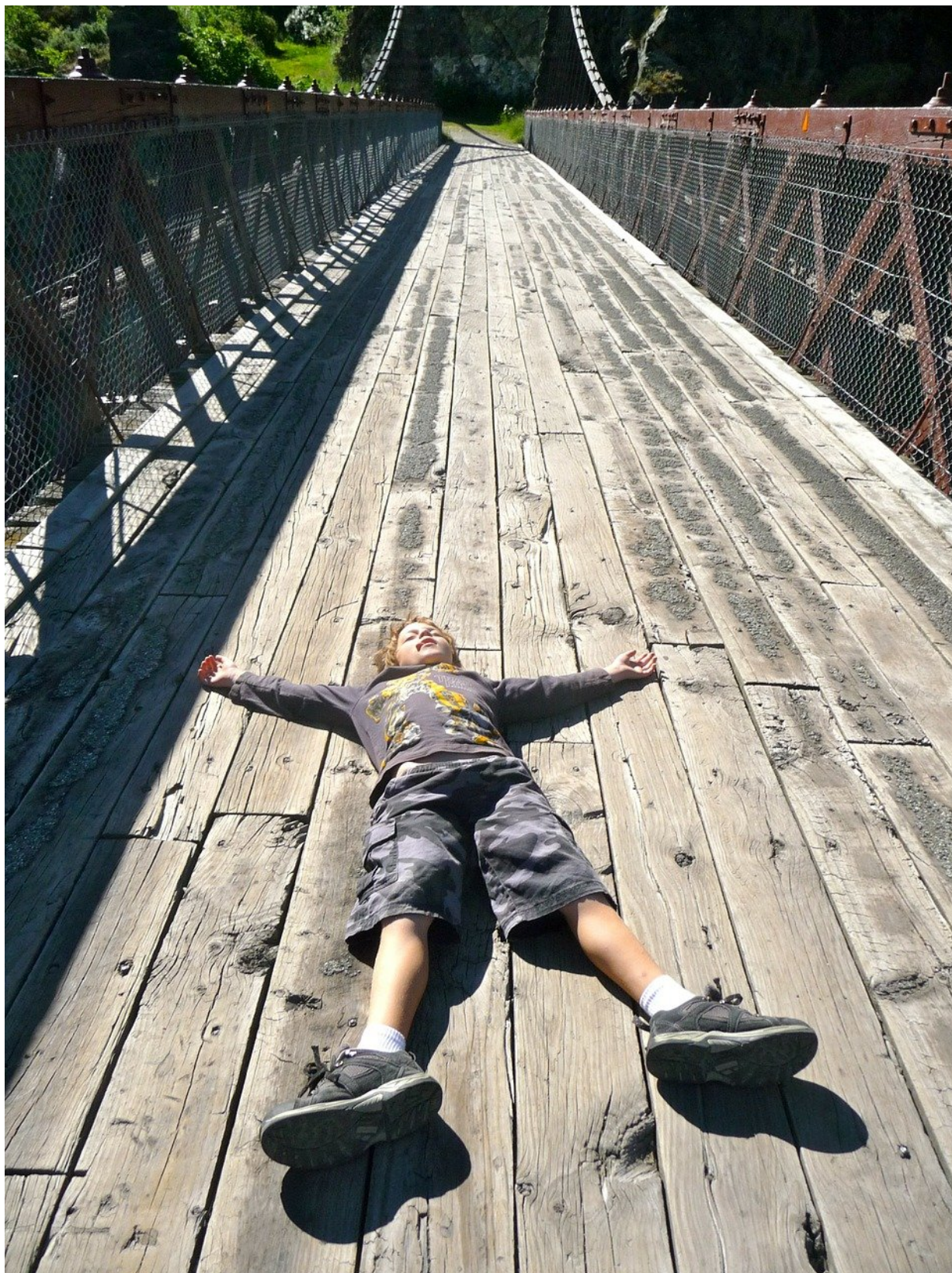
According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “reluctance” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *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)

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| 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.*

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| 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> |

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| 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> |

