

Need another word that means the same as “unwilling”? Find 16 synonyms and 30 related words for “unwilling” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Unwilling” are: reluctant, unenthusiastic, hesitant, afraid, resistant, grudging, involuntary, forced, enforced, disinclined, averse, loath, indisposed, not in the mood, slow, not about

Unwilling as an Adjective

Definitions of "Unwilling" as an adjective

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “unwilling” as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *In spite of contrary volition.*
- *Not ready, eager, or prepared to do something.*
- *Not disposed or inclined toward.*



Synonyms of "Unwilling" as an adjective (16 Words)

afraid	Feeling worry or concern or insecurity. <i>I m often afraid to go out on the streets.</i>
averse	Strongly opposed. <i>The bank s approach has been risk averse.</i>
disinclined	Unwilling because of mild dislike or disapproval. <i>Disinclined to say anything to anybody.</i>
enforced	Caused by necessity or force; compulsory. <i>A life of enforced inactivity.</i>
forced	Forced or compelled. <i>Promised to abolish forced labor.</i>
grudging	Petty or reluctant in giving or spending. <i>Grudging acceptance of his opponent s victory.</i>
hesitant	Tentative, unsure, or slow in acting or speaking. <i>Clients are hesitant about buying.</i>

indisposed	Strongly opposed. <i>Clearly indisposed to grant their request.</i>
<u>involuntary</u>	Controlled by the autonomic nervous system; without conscious control. <i>Gave an involuntary start.</i>
loath	(usually followed by `to') strongly opposed. <i>I was loath to leave.</i>
not about	On the move.
not in the mood	Currently fashionable.
reluctant	Unwillingness to do something contrary to your custom. <i>Reluctant to help.</i>
<u>resistant</u>	Denoting starch that is not easily broken down by enzymes within the body and is therefore minimally absorbed during digestion. <i>Cooked rice like bread contains a useful amount of resistant starch which acts like fibre in the digestive system.</i>
slow	Of a sports field or ground likely to make the ball bounce or run slowly or to prevent competitors from travelling fast. <i>He was slow in reacting to the news.</i>
<u>unenthusiastic</u>	Not enthusiastic; lacking excitement or ardor. <i>Unenthusiastic applause.</i>

Usage Examples of "Unwilling" as an adjective

- *An unwilling assistant.*
- *An unwilling smile.*
- *Unwilling conscripts.*
- *He was unwilling to take on that responsibility.*
- *Unwilling to face facts.*

Associations of "Unwilling" (30 Words)

<u>abominate</u>	Find repugnant. <i>They abominated the very idea of monarchy.</i>
abomination	A person who is loathsome or disgusting. <i>Concrete abominations masquerading as hotels.</i>
averse	Strongly opposed. <i>Averse to taking risks.</i>

avert	Turn away (one's eyes or thoughts). <i>They averted their eyes when the King entered.</i>
defiance	Intentionally contemptuous behavior or attitude. <i>An act of defiance.</i>
detest	Dislike intensely. <i>She detests politicians.</i>
detestation	Hate coupled with disgust. <i>He is the detestation of the neighbourhood.</i>
disinclination	A certain degree of unwillingness. <i>His disinclination for modesty is well known.</i>
disinclined	Unwilling because of mild dislike or disapproval. <i>The rural community was disinclined to abandon the old ways.</i>
dislike	Have or feel a dislike or distaste for. <i>They had taken a dislike to each other.</i>
execrate	Find repugnant. <i>They were execrated as dangerous and corrupt.</i>
grudging	Of especially an attitude. <i>Gave grudging consent.</i>
hate	Express strong dislike for; criticize or abuse. <i>The boys hate each other.</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>
hesitantly	In a tentative or unsure manner. <i>He finally accepted hesitantly.</i>
hesitating	Tentative, unsure, or slow in acting or speaking. <i>His hesitating delivery.</i>
hesitatingly	With hesitation; in a hesitant manner.
irresolution	Doubt concerning two or more possible alternatives or courses of action. <i>A moment of irresolution.</i>
loath	Reluctant; unwilling. <i>Loath to admit a mistake.</i>
loathe	Find repugnant. <i>She loathed him on sight.</i>
loathing	A feeling of intense dislike or disgust; hatred. <i>The thought filled him with loathing.</i>
lurk	Read the postings in an internet forum without actively contributing. <i>A ruthless killer still lurked in the darkness.</i>

negatively	In a way that indicates absence of a certain substance or condition. <i>Women who originally tested negatively for the hepatitis C virus.</i>
<u>reluctance</u>	(physics) opposition to magnetic flux (analogous to electric resistance). <i>A reluctance to commit himself.</i>
reluctant	Unwillingness to do something contrary to your custom. <i>They were usually reluctant to socialize.</i>
reluctantly	In an unwilling and hesitant way. <i>He reluctantly agrees to do his duty.</i>
skulk	Avoid responsibilities and duties, e.g., by pretending to be ill. <i>The skulk howls away into the night.</i>
<u>unintentional</u>	Without deliberate intent- George Macdonald. <i>An unintentional pun.</i>
<u>unwillingly</u>	In an unwilling manner. <i>Anya finds herself thrust unwillingly into the spotlight.</i>
vacillating	Wavering between different opinions or actions; irresolute. <i>He was accused of vacillating leadership.</i>