

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)

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

<b>indisposed</b>	Strongly opposed. <i>Clearly <b>indisposed</b> to grant their request.</i>
<b><u>involuntary</u></b>	Controlled by the autonomic nervous system; without conscious control. <i>Gave an <b>involuntary</b> start.</i>
<b>loath</b>	(usually followed by `to') strongly opposed. <i>I was <b>loath</b> to leave.</i>
<b>not about</b>	On the move.
<b>not in the mood</b>	Currently fashionable.
<b>reluctant</b>	Unwillingness to do something contrary to your custom. <i><b>Reluctant</b> to help.</i>
<b><u>resistant</u></b>	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 <b>resistant</b> starch which acts like fibre in the digestive system.</i>
<b>slow</b>	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 <b>slow</b> in reacting to the news.</i>
<b><u>unenthusiastic</u></b>	Not enthusiastic; lacking excitement or ardor. <i><b>Unenthusiastic</b> 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)

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

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

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