

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

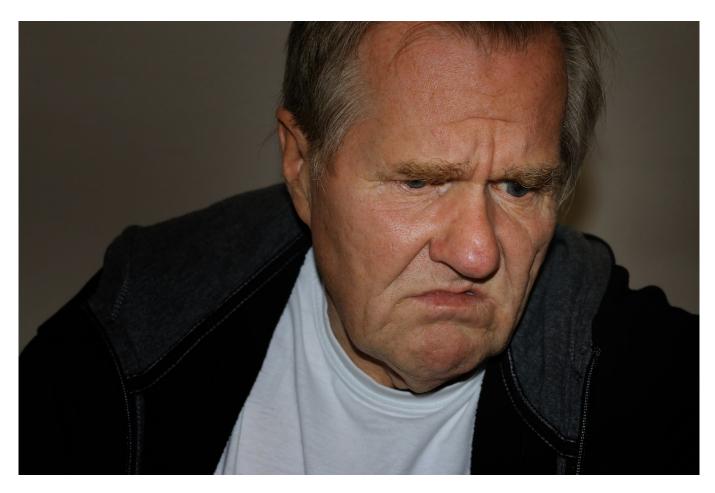
# Unwilling as an Adjective

### 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 m often **afraid** to go out on the streets.

averse Strongly opposed.

The bank s approach has been risk averse.

**disinclined** Unwilling because of mild dislike or disapproval.

**Disinclined** to say anything to anybody.

**enforced** Caused by necessity or force; compulsory.

A life of **enforced** inactivity.

forced Forced or compelled.

Promised to abolish **forced** labor.

grudging Petty or reluctant in giving or spending.

**Grudging** acceptance of his opponent s victory.

**hesitant**Tentative, unsure, or slow in acting or speaking.

Clients are **hesitant** about buying.



indisposed Strongly opposed.

Clearly **indisposed** to grant their request.

involuntary Controlled by the autonomic nervous system; without conscious control.

Gave an **involuntary** start.

loath (usually followed by `to') strongly opposed.

I was **loath** to leave.

**not about** On the move.

not in the mood Currently fashionable.

reluctant Unwillingness to do something contrary to your custom.

**Reluctant** to help.

Denoting starch that is not easily broken down by enzymes within the

body and is therefore minimally absorbed during digestion.

resistant

Cooked rice like bread contains a useful amount of **resistant** starch

which acts like fibre in the digestive system.

Of a sports field or ground likely to make the ball bounce or run slowly or

**slow** to prevent competitors from travelling fast.

*He was slow* in reacting to the news.

unenthusiastic Not enthusiastic; lacking excitement or ardor.

**Unenthusiastic** applause.

### 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)

**abominate** Find repugnant.

They **abominate**d the very idea of monarchy.

**abomination** A person who is loathsome or disgusting.

Concrete **abomination**s masquerading as hotels.

Strongly opposed.

**averse**Averse to taking risks.



Turn away (one's eyes or thoughts.

They **avert**ed their eyes when the King entered.

**defiance** Intentionally contemptuous behavior or attitude.

An act of **defiance**. Dislike intensely.

detest She detests politicians.

Hate coupled with disgust.

**detestation**He is the **detestation** of the neighbourhood.

disinclination A certain degree of unwillingness.

 ${\it His}~ \textbf{\textit{disinclination}}~ for~ modesty~ is~ well~ known.$ 

**disinclined** Unwilling because of mild dislike or disapproval.

The rural community was **disinclined** to abandon the old ways.

dislike Have or feel a dislike or distaste for.

They had taken a **dislike** to each other.

Find repugnant.

They were **execrate**d as dangerous and corrupt.

**grudging** Of especially an attitude.

Gave **grudging** consent.

hate Express strong dislike for; criticize or abuse.

The boys **hate** each other.

**hesitancy** The quality or state of being hesitant.

Jackson took advantage of some **hesitancy** in the defence to rifle in a shot.

hesitantly In a tentative or unsure manner.

He finally accepted **hesitantly**.

**hesitating** Tentative, unsure, or slow in acting or speaking.

His **hesitating** delivery.

**hesitatingly** With hesitation; in a hesitant manner.

**irresolution** Doubt concerning two or more possible alternatives or courses of action.

A moment of irresolution.

loath Reluctant; unwilling.

**Loath** to admit a mistake.

loathe Find repugnant.

She **loathe**d him on sight.

**loathing** A feeling of intense dislike or disgust; hatred.

The thought filled him with **loathing**.

Read the postings in an internet forum without actively contributing.

A ruthless killer still **lurk**ed in the darkness.



**negatively** In a way that indicates absence of a certain substance or condition.

Women who originally tested negatively for the hepatitis C virus.

reluctance (physics) opposition to magnetic flux (analogous to electric resistance.

A reluctance to commit himself.

reluctant Unwillingness to do something contrary to your custom.

They were usually **reluctant** to socialize.

reluctantly

In an unwilling and hesitant way.

He **reluctantly** agrees to do his duty.

**skulk** Avoid responsibilities and duties, e.g., by pretending to be ill.

The **skulk** howls away into the night.

unintentional Without deliberate intent- George Macdonald.

An **unintentional** pun.

unwillingly In an unwilling manner.

Anya finds herself thrust **unwillingly** into the spotlight.

**vacillating** Wavering between different opinions or actions; irresolute.

He was accused of **vacillating** leadership.