

Need another word that means the same as “voluntary”? Find 17 synonyms and 30 related words for “voluntary” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Voluntary” are: optional, discretionary, elective, not required, open, open to choice, volitional, up to the individual, unpaid, unsalaried, free of charge, for free, military volunteer, volunteer, overture, introduction, opening**

## Voluntary as a Noun

### Definitions of "Voluntary" as a noun

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

- *An organ solo played before, during, or after a church service.*
- *A piece of music performed extempore, especially as a prelude to other music, or composed in a free style.*
- *A person who freely enlists for service.*
- *Composition (often improvised) for a solo instrument (especially solo organ) and not a regular part of a religious service or musical performance.*
- *(military) a person who freely enlists for service.*
- *(in a competition) a special performance left to the performer's choice.*



## Synonyms of "Voluntary" as a noun (5 Words)

<b>introduction</b>	Formally making a person known to another or to the public. <i>They resisted the <b>introduction</b> of impractical alternatives.</i>
<b>military volunteer</b>	The military forces of a nation.
<b>opening</b>	The act of opening something. <i>He memorized all the important chess <b>openings</b>.</i>
<b>overture</b>	An approach or proposal made to someone with the aim of opening negotiations or establishing a relationship. <i>The talks were no more than an <b>overture</b> to a long debate.</i>
<b><u>volunteer</u></b>	A plant that has not been deliberately planted. <i>The railway is operated solely by <b>volunteers</b>.</i>



## **Voluntary as an Adjective**

### **Definitions of "Voluntary" as an adjective**

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

- *Done, given, or acting of one's own free will.*
- *Of your own free will or design; done by choice; not forced or compelled.*
- *Working, done, or maintained without payment.*
- *Controlled by individual volition.*
- *(of a conveyance or disposition) made without return in money or other consideration.*
- *Under the conscious control of the brain.*



## Synonyms of "Voluntary" as an adjective (12 Words)

<b>discretionary</b>	(especially of funds) not earmarked; available for use as needed. <i><b>Discretionary</b> funds.</i>
<b>elective</b>	(of a person or office) appointed or filled by election. <i>He had never held <b>elective</b> office.</i>
<b>for free</b>	Not fixed in position.
<b>free of charge</b>	Able to act at will; not hampered; not under compulsion or restraint.

<b>not required</b>	Required by rule.
<b>open</b>	Of a vowel produced with a relatively wide opening of the mouth and the tongue kept low. <i>The party's commitment to <b>open</b> government.</i>
<b>open to choice</b>	Not brought to a conclusion; subject to further thought.
<b>optional</b>	Possible but not necessary; left to personal choice. <i>A wide range of <b>optional</b> excursions is offered.</i>
<b>unpaid</b>	Without payment. <i>She spent most of her time fulfilling the role of <b>unpaid</b> housekeeper.</i>
<b>unsalaried</b>	Not being paid or involving the payment of a salary. <i>An <b>unsalaried</b> post.</i>
<b>up to the individual</b>	In readiness.
<b>volitional</b>	With deliberate intention. <i>Acceptance is a <b>volitional</b> act.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Voluntary" as an adjective

- *Voluntary social workers.*
- *Voluntary muscles.*
- *Voluntary motions.*
- *Voluntary generosity in times of disaster.*
- *A voluntary helper.*
- *Participation was voluntary.*
- *Man is a voluntary agent.*
- *We are funded by voluntary contributions.*
- *A voluntary confession.*
- *Voluntary contraction of the calf muscles.*
- *Voluntary manslaughter.*



## Associations of "Voluntary" (30 Words)

<b>apt</b>	(usually followed by `to') naturally disposed toward. <i>She proved an <b>apt</b> pupil.</i>
<b>cheerfully</b>	In a cheerful way. <i>He <b>cheerfully</b> admits to being the wrong side of fifty.</i>
<b>deservedly</b>	In the way that is deserved; rightfully. <i>They are top of the league and <b>deservedly</b> so.</i>
<b>discretionary</b>	Available for use at the discretion of the user. <i><b>Discretionary</b> income.</i>
<b>disposed</b>	Naturally disposed toward. <i>James didn't seem <b>disposed</b> to take the hint.</i>
<b>eager</b>	Strongly wanting to do or have something. <i>An <b>eager</b> look.</i>
<b>extemporize</b>	Compose or perform something such as music or a speech without preparation; improvise. <i>He <b>extemporized</b> at the piano.</i>
<b>fain</b>	Gladly. <i>I would <b>fain</b> do it.</i>
<b>gladly</b>	Willingly or eagerly. <i>She offered me a lift and I <b>gladly</b> accepted.</i>
<b>happily</b>	In a happy way. <i>They shouted <b>happily</b>.</i>
<b>impromptu</b>	Without advance preparation. <i>A witty <b>impromptu</b> must not sound premeditated.</i>
<b>improvise</b>	Produce or make (something) from whatever is available. <i>I <b>improvised</b> a costume for myself out of an old blue dress.</i>
<b>inclined</b>	Leaning or turning away from the vertical or horizontal; sloping. <i>An <b>inclined</b> ramp.</i>
<b>instinctive</b>	(of a person) doing or being a specified thing apparently naturally or automatically. <i>Offering to help was as <b>instinctive</b> as breathing.</i>
<b>involuntary</b>	Not subject to the control of the will. <i>A policy of <b>involuntary</b> repatriation.</i>
<b>makeshift</b>	Something contrived to meet an urgent need or emergency. <i>Arranging a row of chairs to form a <b>makeshift</b> bed.</i>

<b>minded</b>	Mentally oriented toward something specified. <i>I am not <b>minded</b> to answer any questions.</i>
<b>partiality</b>	A particular liking or fondness for something. <i>Miller s <b>partiality</b> for flowering shrubs is evident.</i>
<b>participation</b>	The action of taking part in something. <i>The scheme is based on employer <b>participation</b>.</i>
<b>prepared</b>	Equipped or prepared with necessary intellectual resources. <i>Be <b>prepared</b> for emergencies.</i>
<b>prone</b>	Having a tendency (to); often used in combination. <i>A child <b>prone</b> to mischief.</i>
<b>reflex</b>	In reflexology a response in a part of the body to stimulation of a corresponding point on the feet hands or head. <i>Sneezing is <b>reflexive</b>.</i>
<b>spontaneous</b>	Said or done without having been planned or written in advance. <i><b>Spontaneous</b> miscarriages.</i>
<b>spontaneously</b>	Without apparent external cause or stimulus. <i>The crowd <b>spontaneously</b> burst into song.</i>
<b>unforced</b>	Not brought about by coercion or force. <i>A voice with a pleasingly <b>unforced</b> quality.</i>
<b>volitional</b>	With deliberate intention. <i>Acceptance is a <b>volitional</b> act.</i>
<b>willful</b>	Habitually disposed to disobedience and opposition. <i><b>Willful</b> disobedience.</i>
<b>willing</b>	Ready, eager, or prepared to do something. <i>A <b>willing</b> participant.</i>
<b>willingly</b>	In a willing manner. <i>She went <b>willingly</b>.</i>
<b>willingness</b>	Cheerful compliance. <i>The ability and <b>willingness</b> of workers to migrate.</i>



