

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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## Voluntary as a Noun

### Definitions of "Voluntary" as a noun

According to the <u>Oxford Dictionary of English</u>, "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)

**introduction** Formally making a person known to another or to the public. They resisted the **introduction** of impractical alternatives.

**military volunteer** The military forces of a nation.

**opening**The act of opening something.

He memorized all the important chess **opening**s.

An approach or proposal made to someone with the aim of opening

**overture** negotiations or establishing a relationship.

The talks were no more than an **overture** to a long debate.

A plant that has not been deliberately planted. The railway is operated solely by **volunteers**.





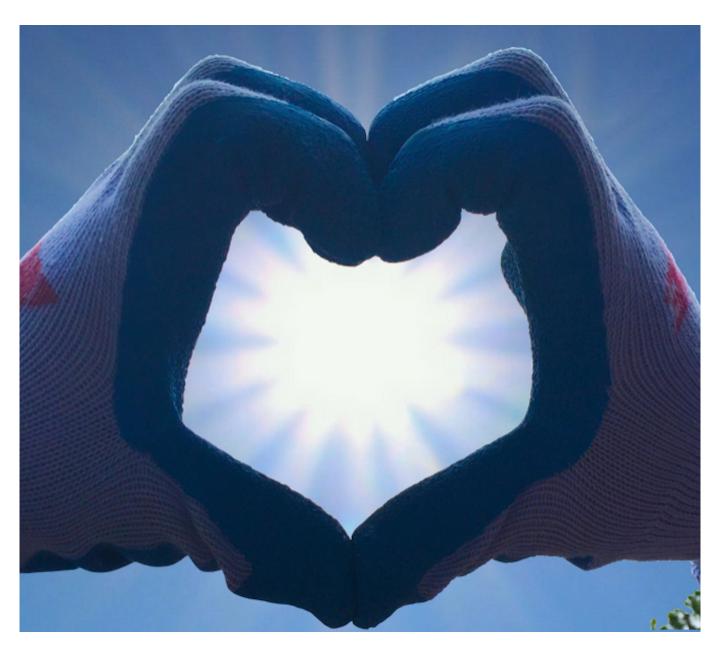
# Voluntary as an Adjective

## 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)

**discretionary** (especially of funds) not earmarked; available for use as needed.

 $\textbf{\textit{Discretionary}} \ funds.$ 

elective (of a person or office) appointed or filled by election.

He had never held **elective** office.

**for free** Not fixed in position.

**free of charge** Able to act at will; not hampered; not under compulsion or restraint.



**not required** Required by rule.

Of a vowel produced with a relatively wide opening of the mouth and

**open** the tongue kept low.

The party s commitment to **open** government.

**open to choice** Not brought to a conclusion; subject to further thought.

optional Possible but not necessary; left to personal choice.

A wide range of optional everygions is offered.

A wide range of **optional** excursions is offered.

unpaid Without payment.

She spent most of her time fulfilling the role of **unpaid** housekeeper.

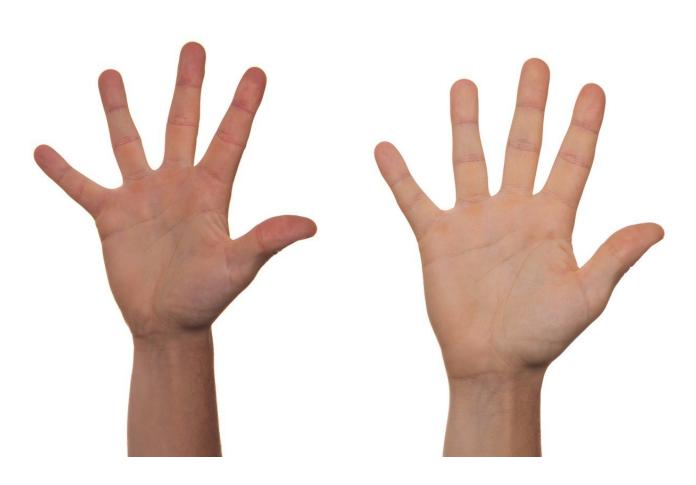
unsalaried Not being paid or involving the payment of a salary.

An **unsalaried** post.

up to the individual In readiness.

**volitional** With deliberate intention.

Acceptance is a volitional act.





## 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)

(usually followed by `to') naturally disposed toward.

She proved an apt pupil.

cheerfully In a cheerful way.

He **cheerfully** admits to being the wrong side of fifty.

**deservedly**In the way that is deserved; rightfully.

They are top of the league and **deservedly** so.

**discretionary** Available for use at the discretion of the user.

**Discretionary** income.

disposed Naturally disposed toward.

James didn t seem **disposed** to take the hint.

**eager** Strongly wanting to do or have something.

An **eager** look.

Compose or perform something such as music or a speech without

**extemporize** preparation; improvise.

He **extemporize**d at the piano.

fain Gladly.

I would **fain** do it.

willingly or eagerly.

She offered me a lift and I **gladly** accepted.

happily In a happy way.

They shouted **happily**.

impromptu Without advance preparation.

A witty **impromptu** must not sound premeditated.

improvise

Produce or make (something) from whatever is available.

I improvised a costume for myself out of an old blue dress.

inclined Leaning or turning away from the vertical or horizontal; sloping.

An **inclined** ramp.

(of a person) doing or being a specified thing apparently naturally or

**instinctive** automatically.

Offering to help was as **instinctive** as breathing.

involuntary

Not subject to the control of the will.

A policy of involuntary repatriation.

makeshift Something contrived to meet an urgent need or emergency.

Arranging a row of chairs to form a **makeshift** bed.



minded Mentally oriented toward something specified.

I am not **minded** to answer any questions.

partiality A particular liking or fondness for something.

Miller s **partiality** for flowering shrubs is evident.

**participation** The action of taking part in something.

The scheme is based on employer **participation**.

**prepared** Equipped or prepared with necessary intellectual resources.

Be **prepared** for emergencies.

Having a tendency (to); often used in combination.

A child **prone** to mischief.

In reflexology a response in a part of the body to stimulation of a

**reflex** corresponding point on the feet hands or head.

Sneezing is **reflex**ive.

**spontaneous** Said or done without having been planned or written in advance.

**Spontaneous** miscarriages.

**spontaneously** Without apparent external cause or stimulus.

The crowd **spontaneously** burst into song.

Not brought about by coercion or force.

A voice with a pleasingly **unforced** quality.

volitional With deliberate intention.

Acceptance is a **volitional** act.

willful Habitually disposed to disobedience and opposition.

Willful disobedience.

willing Ready, eager, or prepared to do something.

A willing participant.

willingly In a willing manner.

She went willingly.

willingness Cheerful compliance.

The ability and **willingness** of workers to migrate.



