

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)

introduction	Formally making a person known to another or to the public. <i>They resisted the introduction of impractical alternatives.</i>
military volunteer	The military forces of a nation.
opening	The act of opening something. <i>He memorized all the important chess openings.</i>
overture	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 overture to a long debate.</i>
<u>volunteer</u>	A plant that has not been deliberately planted. <i>The railway is operated solely by volunteers.</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)

discretionary	(especially of funds) not earmarked; available for use as needed. <i>Discretionary</i> funds.
elective	(of a person or office) appointed or filled by election. He had never held <i>elective</i> 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.
open	Of a vowel produced with a relatively wide opening of the mouth and the tongue kept low. <i>The party's commitment to open government.</i>
open to choice	Not brought to a conclusion; subject to further thought.
optional	Possible but not necessary; left to personal choice. <i>A wide range of optional excursions is offered.</i>
unpaid	Without payment. <i>She spent most of her time fulfilling the role of unpaid housekeeper.</i>
unsalaried	Not being paid or involving the payment of a salary. <i>An unsalaried post.</i>
up to the individual	In readiness.
volitional	With deliberate intention. <i>Acceptance is a volitional 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)

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

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

