

**voluntary**1. [ˈvɒlənt(ə)rɪ] *n* **КНИЖН.**

1. добровольная работа; добровольный акт
2. сторонник принципа добровольности [*см.* voluntaryism 1)]
3. соло на органе (*до, во время или после церковной службы*)
4. 1) произвольная программа (*на соревнованиях*)
- 2) номер по выбору исполнителя
- 3) экспромт, импровизация
5. факультативный экзамен
6. = volunteer 1

2. [ˈvɒlənt(ə)rɪ] *a*

1. добровольный
  - voluntary confession - добровольное признание
  - voluntary contributions - добровольные взносы
  - voluntary enlistment - **воен.** добровольное зачисление на военную службу
  - voluntary jurisdiction - **юр.** добровольная подсудность
  - voluntary settlement - **юр.** полюбовное соглашение
2. имеющий свободу воли; пользующийся свободой выбора
  - man is a voluntary agent - у человека есть свобода воли
  - he was a voluntary agent in the matter - в этом вопросе он действовал по собственной воле
  - he was not a voluntary agent - у него не было выбора
3. сознательный, умышленный, преднамеренный
  - voluntary manslaughter - умышленное убийство
  - voluntary discipline - сознательная дисциплина
4. **часто спец.** произвольный
  - voluntary movement - **физиол.** произвольное движение
  - voluntary muscle - **анат.** произвольно сокращающаяся мышца
  - voluntary exercises - **спорт.** произвольные упражнения
5. 1) неоплачиваемый, безвозмездный (*о работе*); общественный, добровольный; благотворительный
  - voluntary worker - человек, выполняющий работу без оплаты; общественный работник
  - voluntary assistants /helpers/ - общественники, добровольные помощники (*в школе, больнице и т. п.*)
  - voluntary society - общественная *или* благотворительная организация; добровольное общество
- 2) **юр.** безвозмездный; без встречного удовлетворения
  - voluntary conveyance - передача прав без встречного удовлетворения
  - voluntary grantee - лицо, которому безвозмездно передаётся право на что-л.
6. содержащийся на добровольные взносы, на частные средства
  - voluntary schools [hospitals] - школы [больницы], содержащиеся на средства частной благотворительности
  - voluntary churches - церкви, отделённые от государства и содержащиеся на средства верующих
7. **редк.** стихийный, спонтанный, непроизвольный

**voluntary**vol-un-tary **AW** [voluntary voluntaries] adjective, noun **BrE** ['vɒləntɪ] <sup>m</sup> **NAmE**[ˈvɒlɒntetʃɪ] <sup>m</sup>

adjective

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## 1. done willingly, not because you are forced

- a voluntary agreement
- Attendance on the course is purely voluntary.
- to pay **voluntary contributions** into a pension fund
- (BrE) He took **voluntary redundancy** .

**Opp:** ↑compulsory

## 2. usually before noun (of work) done by people who choose to do it without being paid

- I do some **voluntary work** at the local hospital.
- She works there on a **voluntary basis** .
- **voluntary services/bodies/agencies/organizations** (= organized, controlled or supported by people who choose to do this and are usually not paid)
- **the voluntary sector** (= organizations which are set up to help people and which do not make a profit, for example charities)

## 3. only before noun (of a person) doing a job without wanting to be paid for it

- a voluntary worker

## 4. (technical) (of movements of the body) that you can control

**Opp:** ↑involuntaryWord Origin:late Middle English: from Old French **volontaire** or Latin **voluntarius**, from **voluntas** 'will' .Culture:**voluntary work**

Voluntary work is work that you do not get paid for and usually involves doing things to help other people, especially the elderly or the sick, or working on behalf of a **charity** or similar organization. Most **charitable** organizations rely on unpaid **volunteers**, and thousands of Americans and British people give many hours of their time to doing some form of social work or organizing

**fund-raising** events to support the work. **Volunteering** is especially popular in the US and the reasons for this may be found in basic American values such as the Protestant work ethic, the idea that work improves the person who does it, and the belief that people can change their condition if they try hard enough.

Volunteering is usually enjoyable, as people choose jobs close to their personal interests. For instance, people who like animals may volunteer in an **animal shelter**, a place for animals which have been treated **cruelly**. Some voluntary work is short-term, e.g. when people from a community get together to create a park. Other work is longer term, such as that of the US organization Habitat for Humanity which builds houses for poor people. Parents often volunteer at their children's schools, and do things like building a play area or raising money for new equipment. Young people are also encouraged to do voluntary work.

**Schoolchildren** visit old people in hospitals or homes, and students at college often raise money for charities. In the US young people over 18 can take part in **AmeriCorps**, a government programme that encourages them to work as volunteers for a period of time, with the promise of help in paying for their education later. Older Americans who do not work may spend much of their free time volunteering.

In Britain a lot of voluntary work is directed towards supporting the country's social services. The **WRVS** and other organizations run a **meals-on-wheels** service in many parts of Britain, providing hot food for old people who are unable to cook for themselves.

The nationwide **Citizens Advice Bureau**, which offers free advice to the public on a wide range of issues, is run mainly by volunteers, and the Blood Transfusion Service relies on voluntary **blood donors** to give blood for use in hospitals. **Political parties** use volunteers at election time, and Churches depend on volunteers to keep buildings clean.

Both Britain and the US have organizations dedicated to helping people overseas. Britain's **Voluntary Service Overseas** sends people to work in developing countries for up to two years to share their skills with the local population. The US **Peace Corps** has similar aims and programmes.

#### Example Bank:

- Attendance at classes is purely voluntary.
- He took voluntary redundancy.
- Local residents can sign up for the voluntary scheme.
- Many people pay voluntary contributions into a pension fund.
- Much of the help is provided by the voluntary sector.
- She works there on a voluntary basis.
- The day centre is operated by a voluntary organization.
- The homeless hostel is staffed by voluntary workers.

noun (pl. **vol-un-taries**)

a piece of music played before, during or after a church service, usually on an organ

#### Word Origin:

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I. **vol-un-tar-i** <sup>1</sup> **W3 AC** /'vɒləntəri \$ 'vɑːləntəri BrE <sup>2</sup> AmE <sup>3</sup> adjective

[Word Family: verb: ↑volunteer; noun: ↑volunteer; adverb: ↑voluntarily ≠ ↑involuntarily; adjective: ↑voluntary ≠ ↑involuntary]

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Latin; Origin: voluntarius, from voluntas 'will', from velle 'to will, wish']

1.

a) **voluntary organization /association/agency etc** an organization etc that is organized or supported by people who give their money, services etc because they want to and who do not intend to make a profit ⇒ **volunteer**:

- " a voluntary organization providing help for the elderly
- " environmental work carried out by the voluntary sector

b) **voluntary work/service etc** work etc that is done by people who do it because they want to, and who are not paid:

- " She does a lot of voluntary work for the Red Cross.
- " a drop-in centre for homeless people, run on a voluntary basis

2. done willingly and without being forced:

- " Workers are being encouraged to take voluntary redundancy. ⇒ ↑**compulsory**

3. **technical** voluntary movements of your body are controlled by your conscious mind **OPP involuntary**

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### COLLOCATIONS

#### nouns

- a **voluntary organization /group/body/agency** The day care scheme was run by a voluntary organization.
- the **voluntary sector** (=voluntary work and the people involved in it) What is the role of the voluntary sector in sport?
- **voluntary work/service** He does voluntary work with young offenders.

#### phrases

- **on a voluntary basis** Guide and Scout leaders work on a voluntary basis.

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### THESAURUS

#### not compulsory

- **optional** if something is optional, you can choose whether to do it or not: You don't have to do French – it's optional. | The holiday price includes optional excursions such as an evening cruise on the lake. | General Studies is optional for sixth-form students.
- **voluntary** done because you want to do it and not because you have to – used especially about things that you do because you

think they will help other people or be useful: The programme is entirely voluntary, and no one will be forced to join. | The charity is funded by voluntary donations.

II. **voluntary**<sup>2</sup> *BrE* <sup>\*</sup> *AmE* <sup>\*</sup> *noun* (plural **voluntaries**) [countable]

a piece of music played in church, usually by the ↑organ

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