

## unwilling

[ʌnˈwɪlɪŋ] **a**

- нежелающий, несклонный, нерасположенный  
he appeared unwilling to accept - по-видимому, он не был склонен соглашаться  
I was unwilling for my wife to accept the invitation - я был против того, чтобы жена принимала это приглашение
- сделанный неохотно  
he aroused our unwilling admiration - мы невольно /волей-неволей/ стали им восхищаться
- упрямый  
a hard unwilling man - жёсткий, упрямый человек

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**un·will·ing** *BrE* [ʌnˈwɪlɪŋ] <sup>ˈ</sup> *NAmE* [ʌnˈwɪlɪŋ] <sup>ˈ</sup> **adjective**

- not usually before noun** ~ **(to do sth)** not wanting to do sth and refusing to do it
  - They are unwilling to invest any more money in the project.
  - She was unable, or unwilling, to give me any further details.
- only before noun** not wanting to do or be sth, but forced to by other people

**Syn:** ↑reluctant

- an unwilling hero
- He became the unwilling object of her attention.

**Opp:** ↑willing

**Derived Words** ↑unwillingly ▫ ↑unwillingness

**Word Origin:**

[**unwilling unwillingly unwillingness**] Old English unwillende (see ↑un-, ↑willing).

**Example Bank:**

- She found herself the unwilling participant in an emotional tug of war.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

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[**Word Family:** **noun:** ↑willingness ≠ ↑unwillingness; **adverb** ↑willingly ≠ ↑unwillingly; **adjective:** ↑willing ≠ ↑unwilling]

- [**not before noun**] not wanting to do something and refusing to do it

**unwilling to do something**

He was unwilling or unable to pay the fine.

- [**only before noun**] not wanting to do something but doing it:

an unwilling helper

**—unwillingly** *adverb*

**—unwillingness** *noun* [uncountable]

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### THESAURUS

- unwilling /not willing** not wanting to do something and refusing to do it: She's unwilling to admit that she was wrong. | Stuart was an unwilling participant in the shooting. | Put away any toys the child is not willing to share, to avoid any problems.
- reluctant** not willing to do something, although you may be persuaded after a while. Also used when someone does something after at first being unwilling to do it: He was reluctant to talk about his childhood. | She gave a reluctant smile. | the government's reluctant agreement to hold talks | a reluctant hero
- grudging** given unwillingly – used about admiration, respect, support, or an apology: He gave her a grudging apology. | He could not help feeling a grudging admiration for the old lady.
- be loath to do something** to not want to do something, especially something that you might have to do – a rather formal use: He has more staff than he needs, but he is loath to get rid of good people.

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