

inertia[ɪˈnɜːʃə] *n*

1. *физ.* инерция, инертность; инерционные свойства; сила инерции (*мж.* force of inertia)
2. инертность, вялость; бездействие
to while away the time in inertia - предаваться безделью /праздности/

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in·er·tia *BrE* [ɪˈnɜːʃə] *NAmE* [ɪˈnɜːrʃə] *noun uncountable*

1. (usually disapproving) lack of energy; lack of desire or ability to move or change
 - I can't seem to throw off this feeling of inertia.
 - the forces of institutional inertia in the school system
2. (physics) a property (= characteristic) of ↑matter (= a substance) by which it stays still or, if moving, continues moving in a straight line unless it is acted on by a force outside itself

Word Origin:

[**inertia**] early 18th cent. (in sense 2): from Latin, from *iners*, *inert-* 'unskilled, inactive', from *in-* (expressing negation) + *ars*, *art-* 'skill, art'.

Example Bank:

- Projects were frequently abandoned through sheer inertia.
- She lapsed into inertia and lay there as if asleep.
- The forces for change are not sufficient to overcome bureaucratic inertia.
- The forces for change in the government are not sufficient to overcome bureaucratic inertia.

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in·er·tia /ɪˈnɜːʃə-ɪ-/ *BrE* *AmE* *noun [uncountable]*[Date: 1700-1800; Language: Latin; Origin: *iners*; ⇔ ↑*ner*]

1. when no one wants to do anything to change a situation:
political inertia
2. *technical* the force that keeps an object in the same position or keeps it moving until it is moved or stopped by another force
3. a lack of energy and a feeling that you do not want to do anything **SYN** *apathy*

—**inertial** *adjective***inertia**

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