

**reluctant**

[rɪˈlʌktənt] *a*

- 1) **делающий (что-л.) с неохотой**  
 he seems reluctant to take the matter up - он, видимо, неохотно берётся за это дело  
 he is reluctant to accept - он неохотно соглашается  
 I'm reluctant to condemn him - мне не хочется его осуждать
  - 2) **вынужденный, неохотный**  
 reluctant answer - неохотный ответ  
 our reluctant helpers - люди, которые помогали нам неохотно /из-под палки/; наши ленивые помощники
2. **сопротивляющийся, с трудом поддающийся**  
 a soil reluctant to the plough - почва, с трудом поддающаяся обработке  
 ◇ reluctant peers - *шутл.* пэры поневоле; пэры, отказывающиеся от титула, чтобы баллотироваться в палату общин

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**re-luc-tant** *AW BrE* [rɪˈlʌktənt] *ˈ* *NAmE* [rɪˈlʌktənt] *ˈ* **adjective**

hesitating before doing sth because you do not want to do it or because you are not sure that it is the right thing to do

- reluctant agreement
- ~ **(to do sth)** She was reluctant to admit she was wrong.
- He finally gave a reluctant smile.
- a **reluctant hero** (= a person who does not want to be called a hero)

Derived Words ↑reluctance ▪ ↑reluctantly

Word Origin:

mid 17th cent. (in the sense 'wringing, offering opposition'): from Latin **reluctant-** '**struggling against**', from the verb **reluctari**, from **re-** (expressing intensive force) + **luctari** '**to struggle**'.

Thesaurus:

**reluctant** [**reluctance reluctant reluctantly**] *adj.*

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**unwilling** • • **grudging** •

**Opp: eager**

reluctant/unwilling **to do sth**

reluctant/unwilling/grudging **acceptance**

a reluctant/grudging **admiration /admission**

Example Bank:

- For a moment, he felt almost reluctant to leave.
- She was curiously reluctant to talk about the experience.
- Students may feel reluctant to ask questions.
- The monarchy was notoriously reluctant to embrace change.
- He was understandably reluctant to act as a witness.
- They nodded in reluctant agreement.
- a reluctant hero

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slow and unwilling **OPP willing** :

ˈ She gave a reluctant smile.

**reluctant to do something**

ˈ Maddox was reluctant to talk about it.

**—reluctantly** *adverb:*

ˈ Reluctantly, he agreed.

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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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