

**hesitant**

[ˈhezɪt(ə)nt]

*прил.*

1) колеблющийся; нерешительный сомневающийся

They are hesitant about signing a contract. — Они сомневаются, нужно ли подписывать контракт.

**Syn:**

unwilling

2) заикающийся, запинаящийся

**hesitant**

OxfordDictionary (En-En)

**hesitant***adjective* tentative, unsure, or slow in acting or speaking

clients are hesitant about buying

her slow, hesitant way of speaking

**Derivatives:**hesitantly *adverb***Origin:**late Middle English: from Latin *haesitant-* 'being undecided', from the verb *haesitare* (see [hesitate](#))**hesitant**

CollinsCobuild (En-En)

[ˈhezɪt(ə)nt]

*ADJ-GRADED: oft ADJ about n, ADJ to-inf*If you are **hesitant about** doing something, you do not do it quickly or immediately, usually because you are uncertain, embarrassed, or worried.

She was hesitant about coming forward with her story...

His advisers are rightfully hesitant to let the United States be sucked into the conflict.

...a quiet hesitant voice.

**Derived words:****hesitancy** [ˈhezɪtənsi] *N-UNCOUNT* A trace of hesitancy showed in Dr. Stockton's eyes.**hesitantly** *ADV-GRADED ADV with v* 'Would you do me a favour?'she asked hesitantly.**hesitant**

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HoverDictionary (En-Ru)

нерешительный колеблющийся

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Collins (En-En)

[ˈhezɪtənt]

*adj*

wavering hesitating, or irresolute

**Derived words:**hesitance *or* hesitancy *n*; hesitantly *adv***hesitant**

OxfordAmericanThesaurus (En-En)

*adjective*1)  
she is hesitant about buying**Syn:**uncertain, undecided, unsure, doubtful, dubious, skeptical; tentative, nervous, reluctant, gun-shy; indecisive, irresolute, hesitating, dithering, vacillating, wavering waffling, blowing hot and cold; ambivalent, of two minds, hemming and hawing; *informal* iffy**Ant:**

certain, decisive

2)

a hesitant child

**Syn:**

lacking confidence, diffident, timid, shy, bashful, insecure, tentative

**Ant:**

confident

**hesitant****hesiˈtɑnt** /'hezətənt, 'hezɪtənt/ *BrE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *adjective*

uncertain about what to do or say because you are nervous or unwilling:

" Gail gave me a hesitant little smile.

**hesitant about (doing) something**

" They seemed hesitant about coming in.

**hesitant to do something**

" She is hesitant to draw conclusions until the study is over.

**—hesitantly** *adverb***hesitant**

Concise Oxford English Dictionary (En-En)

■ **adjective** slow to act or speak through indecision or reluctance.

**Derivatives****hesitance** *noun***hesitancy** *noun***hesitantly** *adverb***Origin**ME: from L. *haesitant-*, *haesitare* (see *hesitate*).**hesitant**

BBI Combinatory Dictionary of English

*adj.* hesitant about (they are hesitant about signing a contract)**hes-i-tant**

Merriam-Webster's Collegiate 11 (En-En)

\ˈhe-zə-tənt\ *adjective***Date:** 1647

: tending to hesitate : slow to act or proceed

**Synonyms:** see *disinclined*• **hes-i-tant-ly** *adverb***hesitant**

Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Thesaurus (En-En)

*adjective*

1.

**Synonyms:** *disinclined*, afraid, averse, backward, indisposed, loath, reluctant, shy, uneager, unwilling**Contrasted words:** *resolute*, *staunch*, *steadfast*

2.

**Synonyms:** *vacillating* 2, faltering, halting, irresolute, shilly-shallying, tentative, uncertain, vacillatory, wiggle-waggle, wobbly**hesi-tant**

Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary 7 (En-En)

/ 'hezɪtənt/ *adjective***hesitant (about sth) | hesitant (to do sth)** slow to speak or act because you feel uncertain, embarrassed or unwilling:

a hesitant smile

She's hesitant about signing the contract.

the baby's first few hesitant steps

Doctors are hesitant to comment on the new treatment.

▶  **hesi-tant-ly** *adverb*

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**WORD ORIGIN****late Middle English:** from Latin *haesitant-* being undecided, from the verb *haesitare*, from *haerere* stick, stay.**hes-i-tant**

Webster's Unabridged 3 (En-En)

\-nt\ *adjective***Etymology:** Latin *haesitant-*, *haesitans*, present participle of *haesitare*

: given to hesitation : tending to hold back (as from fear, indecision, or disinclination)

a *hesitant* fighter*hesitant* policies**Synonyms:** see *disinclined***hesitant**

Apresyan (En-Ru)

[ˈhezɪt(ə)nt] *a*

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## hesitant

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- ~ **to do sth** Doctors are hesitant to comment on the new treatment.

Derived Word ↑ **hesitantly**

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### Thesaurus:

**hesitant** [**hesitant hesitantly**] **adj.**

• He's hesitant about signing the contract.

**uncertain** • • **unsure** • • **faltering** • • **halting** • • **doubtful** • • **dubious** • |written **tentative** •

**Opp:** **confident**, **Opp:** **certain**

hesitant/uncertain/unsure/doubtful/dubious **about/of** sth

hesitant/uncertain/faltering/halting/tentative **steps**

a/an hesitant/uncertain/faltering/halting **voice**

### Example Bank:

- She felt somewhat hesitant about accepting the offer.
- Holding his hand, she managed to take her first few hesitant steps.
- It was a few seconds before she heard a hesitant reply.
- She's hesitant about signing the contract.

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**hesitant** *UK* <sup>m</sup> *US* <sup>m</sup> ['hez.ɪ.t ə nt] **adjective**

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- You seemed a bit hesitant **about** recommending that restaurant - is something wrong with it?
- She gave me a hesitant smile.

Thesaurus<sup>+</sup>: ↑ **Hesitating** ↑ **Uncertainty**

Derived **hesitancy** ▫ **hesitantly**

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doing something slowly or pausing before you do it, because you are nervous, embarrassed, or worried

a hesitant smile

Many witnesses are still hesitant to come forward.

Thesaurus: **feeling worried and nervous**<sub>synonym</sub>

Derived Word **hesitantly**

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**hesitancy** *UK* <sup>m</sup> *US* <sup>m</sup> /-t ə n.sɪ/ **noun** [U]

▶

» The president is not known for his hesitancy in such matters.

Thesaurus<sup>+</sup>: ↑ **Hesitating**, ↑ **Uncertainty**

**hesitantly** *UK* <sup>m</sup> *US* <sup>m</sup> /-li/ **adverb**

▶

» She approached the teacher hesitantly.

Thesaurus<sup>+</sup>: ↑ **Hesitating**, ↑ **Uncertainty**