

reluctance

(noun)

Noun: unwillingness or disinclination to do something.

Etymology: from the obsolete verb *reluct* "to strive, struggle, or rebel against" (15c.), from Latin *reluctari*, *reluctare* "to struggle against, resist, make opposition," from *re-* "back, against, in opposition" + *luctari* "to struggle, wrestle," from



Synonyms

- Unwillingness
- Disinclination
- Diffidence

Sentences containing the word 'reluctance' in different forms:

- The plant displayed a reluctance to thrive in the new conditions.
- His reluctance to participate was evident.
- Their reluctance to agree delayed the law making process.

French translation: la réluctance.

Antonyms

- Willingness
- eagerness