



Phrases

Meaning: to do something because you have decided for yourself that you will do it and not because someone else has told you to do it.

Synonyms :
voluntarily,
willingly

Off one's own bat

Informal

- I didn't ask her to buy them a present - she did it off her own bat.
- No one sent me; I came here off my own bat.

Of one's own accord

- Do you think David resigned of his own accord?
- She came of her own accord. No one asked her to come.

Of one's own volition

Formal

- The singer wished it to be known that he had left the band of his own volition .
- He left the company of his own volition.

Of one's own free will

- I retired of my own free will; I was not fired.
- No one told me to do it - I did it of my own free will.
- He left of his own free will: I did not influence him.

On one's own initiative

- He was not obeying orders.He acted on his own initiative.
- The candidates must be able to work on their own initiative with minimal supervision.