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Cambridge English Exam?



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PHRASES

Synonyms:
voluntarily, willingly

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.

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 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.

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.

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.

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.