

# Choice & Avoidance: towards a better translation for avoidance

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not the single word you were looking for initially

That's definitely true, but it linguistically so very basic that registers in my mind as if a single verb; it is so simple, that I feel it has its own spot reserved on my inner semantic map, unlike "pursuit of pleasure" which always entails a little mental operation of joining two things.

Analogy:

"operate vehicle" vs "driving"

"ingest nutrition" vs "eating"

The longer forms pull from two more general concepts to make one more specific concept. That's the effect I was seeking to avoid, and in almost all cases, that requires finding a single word. "to set free" seems an exception to that rule.

"to set oneself free from pain" 😊