

Need another word that means the same as “gradual”? Find 14 synonyms and 30 related words for “gradual” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Gradual” are: slow, moderate, measured, unhurried, restrained, cautious, circumspect, unspectacular, gentle, not steep, slight, easy, subtle, imperceptible

Gradual as an Adjective

Definitions of "Gradual" as an adjective

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “gradual” as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *Not steep or abrupt.*
- *Taking place or progressing slowly or by degrees.*
- *(of a slope) not steep or abrupt.*
- *Proceeding in small stages.*
- *(of a topographical gradient) not steep or abrupt.*



Synonyms of "Gradual" as an adjective (14 Words)

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| <u>cautious</u> | (of a person) careful to avoid potential problems or dangers. <i>A cautious driver.</i> |
| circumspect | Heedful of potential consequences. <i>The officials were very circumspect in their statements.</i> |
| easy | Affording pleasure. <i>An easy pat on the shoulder.</i> |
| <u>gentle</u> | Soft and mild; not harsh or stern or severe. <i>A gentle sensitive man.</i> |
| imperceptible | So slight, gradual, or subtle as not to be perceived. <i>His head moved in an almost imperceptible nod.</i> |
| measured | The rhythmic arrangement of syllables. <i>She set off with measured tread.</i> |
| moderate | Average in amount, intensity, quality, or degree. <i>Moderate demands.</i> |
| not steep | Greatly exceeding bounds of reason or moderation. |
| restrained | Prudent. <i>Restrained in his response.</i> |
| slight | Being of delicate or slender build. <i>A slight increase.</i> |
| slow | At a slow tempo. <i>Until recently diesel cars were slow and noisy.</i> |
| <u>subtle</u> | (especially of a change or distinction) so delicate or precise as to be difficult to analyse or describe. <i>His language expresses rich and subtle meanings.</i> |
| unhurried | Relaxed and leisurely; without hurry or haste. <i>The singing is unhurried.</i> |
| unspectacular | Not spectacular; unremarkable. <i>She had been an unspectacular student.</i> |



Usage Examples of "Gradual" as an adjective

- A *gradual* slope.
- A *gradual* increase in prices.
- The *gradual* introduction of new methods.

Associations of "Gradual" (30 Words)

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| bit | The cutting part of a drill usually pointed and threaded and is replaceable in a brace or bitstock or drill press. <i>A bit of rock caught him in the eye.</i> |
| changeover | An event that results in a transformation. <i>The changeover from handicraft to mechanized manufacture.</i> |
| <u>conversion</u> | A change in the units or form of an expression. <i>Conversion disorders.</i> |
| decline | Go down in value. <i>Caroline declined the coffee.</i> |
| deduct | Reason by deduction establish by deduction. <i>Tax has been deducted from the payments.</i> |
| dilatory | Wasting time. <i>They resorted to dilatory tactics forcing a postponement of peace talks.</i> |
| diminish | Lessen the authority, dignity, or reputation of. <i>The pain will gradually diminish.</i> |

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| diminished | Of an organ or body part diminished in size or strength as a result of disease or injury or lack of use. <i>She felt diminished by the report.</i> |
| <u>diminution</u> | The statement of a theme in notes of lesser duration (usually half the length of the original). <i>A permanent diminution in value.</i> |
| erode | (of a disease) gradually destroy (bodily tissue). <i>This humiliation has eroded what confidence Jean has.</i> |
| escalation | A rapid increase; a rise. <i>There was a gradual escalation of hostilities.</i> |
| fading | Weakening in force or intensity. |
| <u>gradually</u> | In a gradual manner. <i>Gradually his powers of speech returned.</i> |
| laggard | A person who makes slow progress and falls behind others. <i>Staff were under enormous pressure and there was no time for laggards.</i> |
| lessen | Decrease in size, extent, or range. <i>The warmth of the afternoon lessened.</i> |
| <u>minimize</u> | Reduce (something, especially something undesirable) to the smallest possible amount or degree. <i>Let s minimize the risk.</i> |
| <u>minority</u> | A small group of people within a community or country, differing from the main population in race, religion, language, or political persuasion. <i>A blocking minority of 23 votes.</i> |
| piecemeal | A little bit at a time. <i>The village is slowly being killed off by piecemeal development.</i> |
| reduce | Reduce in size reduce physically. <i>The arsenic is reduced to the trivalent condition.</i> |
| reduced | Well below normal (especially in price). |
| reducible | Capable of being reduced- Edmund Wilson. <i>Shakespeare s major soliloquies are not reducible to categories.</i> |
| reduction | A copy of a picture or photograph made on a smaller scale than the original. <i>Talks on arms reduction.</i> |
| shrinkage | The process, fact, or amount of shrinking. <i>Give long curtains good hems to allow for shrinkage.</i> |
| shrinking | The act of becoming less. <i>The shrinking market has provoked a massive price war.</i> |

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| slacken | Reduce or decrease in speed or intensity. <i>Suddenly the line slackens and flutters in the wind.</i> |
| slow | Of a sports field or ground likely to make the ball bounce or run slowly or to prevent competitors from travelling fast. <i>Business is dull or slow.</i> |
| slowly | Without speed slow is sometimes used informally for slowly. <i>They moved forward slowly.</i> |
| <u>steady</u> | Support or hold steady and make steadfast with or as if with a brace. <i>A good steady ballplayer.</i> |
| waning | Pertaining to the period during which the visible surface of the moon decreases. <i>The waxing and waning of the moon.</i> |
| <u>weaken</u> | Lessen in force or effect. <i>The fever weakened his body.</i> |