

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)

cautious	(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>
gentle	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>
subtle	(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)

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>

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>
diminution	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.
gradually	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>
minimize	Reduce (something, especially something undesirable) to the smallest possible amount or degree. <i>Let s minimize the risk.</i>
minority	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>

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