

Need another word that means the same as “lightly”? Find 21 synonyms and 30 related words for “lightly” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Lightly” are: thinly, light, gently, softly, faintly, delicately, sparingly, slightly, sparsely, moderately, easily, leniently, mildly, carelessly, airily, readily, heedlessly, unthinkingly, thoughtlessly, flippantly, breezily

Lightly as an Adverb

Definitions of "Lightly" as an adverb

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

- *To a slight degree.*
- *In a small quantity or extent.*
- *Without severe punishment; leniently.*
- *In a way that is not serious or solemn; carelessly.*
- *Indulging with temperance.*
- *With indifference or without dejection.*
- *With few burdens.*
- *In relatively small amounts or in low density; sparingly.*
- *Without good reason.*
- *With little weight or force.*
- *Gently, delicately or softly.*



Synonyms of "Lightly" as an adverb (21 Words)

airily	In a flippant manner. <i>He was airily dismissive of the question.</i>
breezily	In a breezy manner.
carelessly	In a rakish manner. <i>Roadsides are full of litter thrown carelessly by passers by.</i>
delicately	In a delicate manner. <i>That s a sensitive issue that has to be approached delicately.</i>
easily	With ease easy is sometimes used informally for easily. <i>He won easily.</i>
faintly	In a faint manner; indistinctly. <i>His faintly ridiculous air.</i>
flippantly	In a flippant manner. <i>He answered the reporters questions flippantly.</i>

gently	With only gradual inclines. <i>He talked gently to the injured animal.</i>
heedlessly	Without care or concern.
leniently	In a permissively lenient manner. <i>He felt incensed that Tarrant should have been treated so leniently given his crime.</i>
light	With few burdens. <i>Experienced travellers travel light.</i>
mildly	To a slight extent. <i>He had suffered mildly from the illness since he was 23.</i>
moderately	To a moderately sufficient extent or degree. <i>Growth continues moderately.</i>
readily	Without delay or difficulty; easily. <i>He readily admits that the new car surpasses its predecessors.</i>
slightly	In a slim or slender manner. <i>They are all slightly different.</i>
softly	Used as a direction in music to be played relatively softly. <i>He whispered softly in my ear.</i>
sparingly	In a restricted or infrequent manner; in small quantities. <i>The sharply flavoured leaves should be used sparingly.</i>
sparsely	In a sparse manner. <i>A sparsely populated region.</i>
thinly	With few parts or people relative to the area covered or filled; sparsely. <i>Thinly sliced potatoes.</i>
thoughtlessly	Showing thoughtlessness. <i>He stared thoughtlessly at the picture.</i>
unthinkingly	In a thoughtless manner.



Usage Examples of "Lightly" as an adverb

- *Some people are let off lightly.*
- *It is not something that should be taken lightly.*
- *Apply paint lightly.*
- *It was snowing lightly.*
- *She placed her hand lightly on my shoulder.*
- *She kissed him lightly on the forehead.*

Associations of "Lightly" (30 Words)

barely

In a sparse or scanty way.

*They had **barely** sat down before forty policemen swarmed in.*

bit

The cutting part of a drill usually pointed and threaded and is replaceable in a brace or bitstock or drill press.

*You could see everything All her **bits**.*

calmly	In a sedate manner. <i>He spoke slowly and calmly.</i>
croon	Hum or sing in a soft, low voice, especially in a sentimental manner. <i>The female vocalist crooned smoky blues into the microphone.</i>
disperse	Denoting a phase dispersed in another phase as in a colloid. <i>The prism dispersed light.</i>
dissipation	Breaking up and scattering by dispersion. <i>The dissipation of the country's mineral wealth.</i>
dissolution	The process of going into solution. <i>Minerals susceptible to dissolution.</i>
distributed	(of a computer system) spread over several machines, especially over a network. <i>The figures of syllogisms all have properly distributed middle terms.</i>
flexibility	The quality of being adaptable or variable. <i>I enjoyed the flexibility of the schedule.</i>
gently	With a mild, kind, or tender manner. <i>Gently pat your skin dry.</i>
handed	Having or involving the use of hands. <i>A handed tree living animal.</i>
knead	Make bread or pottery by kneading flour or clay. <i>She kneaded his back.</i>
levity	The treatment of a serious matter with humour or lack of due respect. <i>As an attempt to introduce a note of levity the words were a disastrous flop.</i>
loosely	In a way that is not strict or exact. <i>You shouldn't speak loosely outside the group.</i>
looseness	Movement or space for movement. <i>Misunderstandings can often be traced to a looseness of expression.</i>
meagerly	To a meager degree or in a meager manner. <i>These voices are meagerly represented at the conference.</i>
mild	Humble in spirit or manner suggesting retiring mildness or even cowed submissiveness. <i>Fortunately the pain was mild.</i>
mildly	In a mild or gentle manner. <i>He had suffered mildly from the illness since he was 23.</i>
nibble	Bite off very small pieces. <i>She never eats a full meal she just nibbles.</i>

profligacy	Licentious or dissolute behaviour. <i>The emperor's sexual profligacy.</i>
quietly	With little or no activity or no agitation quiet is a nonstandard variant for quietly. <i>She spoke quietly to the child.</i>
rarely	Not often. <i>We rarely met.</i>
rustle	A light noise, like the noise of silk clothing or leaves blowing in the wind. <i>There was a rustle in the undergrowth behind her.</i>
scarce	Scarcely. <i>Would have scarce arrived before she would have found some excuse to leave.</i>
scatter	The scattering of light other electromagnetic radiation or particles. <i>Scatter the coconut over the icing.</i>
soft	Soft and mild not harsh or stern or severe. <i>I can just speak soft and she'll hear me.</i>
softly	Used as a direction in music to be played relatively softly. <i>John kissed Cynthia softly and tenderly.</i>
sparsely	In a thinly dispersed manner; in small numbers. <i>A sparsely furnished apartment.</i>
tapping	The sound of light blow or knock. <i>Crews heard tapping from deep underground.</i>
whisper	A soft or confidential tone of voice a whispered word or phrase. <i>He didn't show even a whisper of interest.</i>