

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)

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

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

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

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