

Need another word that means the same as “softly”? Find 4 synonyms and 30 related words for “softly” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Softly” are: quietly, gently, lightly, piano**

## Softly as an Adverb

### Definitions of "Softly" as an adverb

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

- *In a pleasantly subdued manner.*
- *In a manner that is pleasing to the senses.*
- *With a quiet and gentle voice or sound.*
- *In a smooth and gradual manner.*
- *With little weight or force.*
- *Used as a direction in music; to be played relatively softly.*
- *With low volume.*
- *In a careful and gentle manner.*

### Synonyms of "Softly" as an adverb (4 Words)

**gently** With lightness of action or effect; softly.  
A **gently** humorous account.

**lightly** With indifference or without dejection.  
Some people are let off **lightly**.

**piano** Used as a direction in music; to be played relatively softly.

**quietly** With little or no activity or no agitation quiet is a nonstandard variant for quietly.  
*Her hands rested **quietly** in her lap.*

## Usage Examples of "Softly" as an adverb

- *The TV was murmuring softly.*
- *She softly brushed the tears away.*
- *The softly glowing fire.*
- *Her softly rounded belly.*
- *Candlelight softly lit the restaurant.*
- *Softly undulating hills.*
- *John kissed Cynthia softly and tenderly.*
- *A softly spoken woman.*
- *The radio was playing softly.*
- *Speak softly but carry a big stick.*
- *He whispered softly in my ear.*

## Associations of "Softly" (30 Words)

<b>calmly</b>	In a sedate manner. <i>He spoke slowly and <b>calmly</b>.</i>
<b>calmness</b>	An absence of strong winds or rain. <i>This relative <b>calmness</b> ended at around 7 a m when the wind picked up speed.</i>
<b>croon</b>	A soft, low voice or tone. <i>Goodbye you lovely darling she <b>crooned</b>.</i>
<b>gently</b>	With a mild, kind, or tender manner. <i>A <b>gently</b> humorous account.</i>
<b>giggle</b>	A light, silly laugh. <i>I got a fit of the <b>giggles</b>.</i>
<b>gracefully</b>	In an attractively elegant way. <i>I will <b>gracefully</b> bow out of the discussion.</i>
<b>hiss</b>	Express or utter with a hiss. <i>The performers could not be heard over the <b>hissing</b> of the audience.</i>
<b>hush</b>	Be quiet. <i>A <b>hush</b> descended over the crowd.</i>
<b>inactive</b>	Not engaging in or involving any or much physical activity. <i>An <b>inactive</b> Russian spy.</i>

<b>lightly</b>	Without severe punishment; leniently. <i>She placed her hand <b>lightly</b> on my shoulder.</i>
<b>mildly</b>	Not seriously. <i>He kept his voice <b>mildly</b> curious.</i>
<b>muted</b>	(of colour or lighting) not bright; subdued. <i><b>Muted</b> anger.</i>
<b>noiseless</b>	Silent or very quiet. <i>The cycle is a <b>noiseless</b> form of transport.</i>
<b>pacific</b>	Relating to the Pacific Ocean. <i>The result of this <b>pacific</b> policy was that no troops were called up.</i>
<b>peace</b>	A treaty agreeing peace between warring states. <i><b>Peace</b> came on November 11th.</i>
<b>quiescent</b>	Marked by a state of tranquil repose. <i>Strikes were headed by groups of workers who had previously been <b>quiescent</b>.</i>
<b>quiet</b>	Become quiet or quieter. <i>The street was <b>quiet</b>.</i>
<b>quietly</b>	With little or no activity or no agitation quiet is a nonstandard variant for quietly. <i>She was <b>quietly</b> confident that they'd win.</i>
<b>reticent</b>	Cool and formal in manner. <i>She was extremely <b>reticent</b> about her personal affairs.</i>
<b>rustle</b>	Round up and steal (cattle, horses, or sheep). <i>Dolly <b>rustled</b> the paper irritably.</i>
<b>serenity</b>	A disposition free from stress or emotion. <i>An oasis of <b>serenity</b> amidst the bustling city.</i>
<b>sibilant</b>	A sibilant speech sound. <i>His <b>sibilant</b> whisper.</i>
<b>silent</b>	Implied by or inferred from actions or statements. <i>Gave <b>silent</b> consent.</i>
<b>stealth</b>	(chiefly of aircraft) designed in accordance with technology which makes detection by radar or sonar difficult. <i>Privatization by <b>stealth</b>.</i>
<b>stillness</b>	Tranquil silence. <i>Absolute <b>stillness</b> greeted our gaze.</i>
<b>subdued</b>	Quieted and brought under control. <i>I felt strangely <b>subdued</b> as I drove home.</i>

**tranquil** Not agitated; without losing self-possession.  
*The sea was **tranquil**.*

**tranquility** An untroubled state; free from disturbances.

**tranquilize** Make calm or still.

**whisper** A soft or confidential tone of voice a whispered word or phrase.  
*Alison was **whispering** in his ear.*