

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)

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

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