

Positive adverbs that start with S

17 adverbs with meanings and examples. Updated 10 October 2026. Free to print and share in a classroom.

Safely adv.

In a way that avoids likely harm or danger.
The guide brought everyone safely across the river.

Securely adv.

In a safe, stable, or firmly attached way.
The shelves were securely fixed to the wall.

Selflessly adv.

With generous concern for others before personal advantage.
She selflessly gave her place to someone in greater need.

Sensibly adv.

With sound and practical judgment.
They sensibly postponed the climb when fog covered the ridge.

Sincerely adv.

With honest feeling or intention.
He sincerely apologized and replaced the damaged book.

Skillfully adv.

With developed ability and good judgment.
The mediator skillfully guided both sides toward agreement.

Smartly adv.

In an intelligent, efficient, or stylish way.
The small apartment was smartly arranged to create more space.

Smoothly adv.

In an even, calm, or trouble-free way.
The event ran smoothly despite the larger crowd.

Splendidly adv.

In an excellent or impressive way.
The young orchestra played splendidly at its first concert.

Steadfastly adv.

With firm and dependable commitment.
He steadfastly defended every child's right to learn.

Steadily adv.

At a consistent and controlled pace.
The seedlings grew steadily after the rain.

Strongly adv.

With strength, confidence, or firm support.
The evidence strongly supports the safer design.

Successfully adv.

With the desired or worthwhile result.

The crew successfully rescued every passenger.

Superbly adv.

In an exceptionally good or skillful way.

The quartet played superbly throughout the evening concert.

Swiftly adv.

With useful speed and effectiveness.

The crew swiftly contained the small fire.

Sympathetically adv.

With understanding and concern for another's situation.

She listened sympathetically before offering help.

Systematically adv.

In a careful, organized, and methodical way.

They systematically tested each possible cause.