

Positive adverbs from A to Z

189 adverbs, up to eight for every letter, with meanings and examples. Updated 10 October 2026. Free to print and share in a classroom.

A

Ably adv.

In a skillful and effective manner.

Rosa ably guided the discussion toward a practical decision.

Ahead adv.

In a forward, advanced, or favorable position.

Careful preparation put the team comfortably ahead by noon.

Amiably adv.

In a friendly and pleasant way.

The neighbors chatted amiably over the garden fence.

Amicably adv.

In a friendly way, without hostility or argument.

They resolved the scheduling disagreement amicably.

Admirably adv.

In a way that deserves respect or approval.

She handled the difficult conversation admirably.

Attentively adv.

With careful attention to someone or something.

The mentor listened attentively to her questions.

Affectionately adv.

With warmth, fondness, or love.

He spoke affectionately about his grandmother.

B

Beautifully adv.

In a way that gives pleasure or shows great skill.

The carpenter beautifully restored the carved wooden door.

Boldly adv.

In a confident and courageous manner.

The young designer boldly presented her unconventional solution.

Bravely adv.

In a courageous way despite fear or difficulty.

She bravely asked for help when the climb became unsafe.

Briskly adv.

In a quick, energetic, and efficient manner.
The volunteers worked briskly before the rain arrived.

Breezily adv.

In a cheerful, relaxed, and confident manner.
She breezily welcomed the unexpected change of venue.

Blissfully adv.

In a completely happy and peaceful way.
They spent the afternoon blissfully reading beneath the trees.

Brilliantly adv.

In an exceptionally skillful or successful way.
The understudy performed brilliantly on opening night.

Blessedly adv.

In a way that brings welcome relief or happiness.
Blessedly, the rain stopped before the outdoor concert.

C**Calmly** adv.

In a peaceful, steady, and controlled manner.
Darius calmly explained the evacuation route to the group.

Capably adv.

In a skillful and effective way.
The apprentice capably handled the repair on her own.

Clearly adv.

In a way that is easy to understand or recognize.
The nurse clearly explained when to take each medicine.

Carefully adv.

With close attention to quality, safety, or detail.
She carefully wrapped each fragile cup before the move.

Cheerfully adv.

In a happy, willing, and positive manner.
Omar cheerfully carried the extra chairs into the hall.

Courageously adv.

In a brave and determined manner.
The residents courageously defended the last public garden.

D**Dearly** adv.

With deep affection or at a high personal value.
The family dearly treasures the letters from their grandfather.

Deftly adv.

In a skillful, quick, and precise way.
He deftly guided the conversation away from personal blame.

Daringly adv.

In a bold and adventurous manner.

The choreographer daringly combined folk steps with modern music.

Directly adv.

In a clear, honest, and straightforward manner.

She directly addressed the concern and proposed a fix.

Divinely adv.

In an extremely pleasing or excellent manner.

The pears smelled divinely sweet as they baked.

Doggedly adv.

With persistent determination despite difficulty or delay.

The advocates doggedly pursued safer crossings for the school route.

Devotedly adv.

With steady loyalty, care, and commitment.

She devotedly tended the community garden for many years.

Dutifully adv.

With steady attention to one's responsibilities.

She dutifully recorded each reading in the safety log.

E**Eagerly** adv.

With keen interest and enthusiastic readiness.

The children eagerly opened the box of new science materials.

Expertly adv.

With a high level of knowledge, skill, and control.

The mediator expertly guided the group toward agreement.

Earnestly adv.

With sincere and serious intention.

The neighbors earnestly discussed how to keep the crossing safe.

Elegantly adv.

In a graceful, attractive, or pleasingly simple way.

The proof elegantly connects the two earlier results.

Ethically adv.

In a fair and morally responsible manner.

The researchers ethically obtained consent from every participant.

Eloquently adv.

In a clear, graceful, and persuasive manner.

The photograph eloquently shows why the marsh deserves protection.

Effectively adv.

In a way that produces the intended result.

The two departments worked effectively to restore service.

Efficiently adv.

With little wasted time, effort, or material.

The new pump moves water efficiently between the tanks.

F

Fairly adv.

In a just, reasonable, and impartial manner.

The mediator divided the speaking time fairly.

Finely adv.

With great skill, precision, or delicacy.

The cabinet is finely carved with leaves and birds.

Fondly adv.

With affection, warmth, or pleasant remembrance.

Former students fondly recalled the teacher's patient humor.

Freely adv.

Willingly, openly, or without unfair restriction.

The mentor freely shared every technique she had learned.

Frankly adv.

In an honest and direct manner.

She frankly explained the delay and offered a new date.

Freshly adv.

In a new, clean, or recently prepared state.

Freshly baked rolls welcomed visitors to the morning market.

Favorably adv.

In an approving or beneficial manner.

Reviewers responded favorably to the clearer instructions.

Faithfully adv.

With steady loyalty, accuracy, or commitment.

He faithfully recorded the river level every morning.

G

Gladly adv.

Willingly and with pleasure.

The carpenter gladly showed the apprentice how to sharpen the tool.

Gently adv.

In a kind, calm, or careful manner.

The nurse gently explained what the child would feel.

Grandly adv.

In an impressive, dignified, or splendid manner.

The old staircase rises grandly through the center of the hall.

Gallantly adv.

In a brave, honorable, and considerate manner.

The crew gallantly continued the rescue through heavy rain.

Genuinely adv.

In a sincere, honest, and authentic way.

She was genuinely pleased by her colleague's success.

Gleefully adv.

With lively delight and happiness.

The twins gleefully chased bubbles across the lawn.

Generously adv.

In a willing, plentiful, and giving manner.

The farmer generously shared the extra harvest with neighbors.

Gracefully adv.

With elegance, kindness, or calm dignity.

The chairperson gracefully acknowledged the opposing view.

H**Happily** adv.

With pleasure, contentment, or a fortunate result.

The missing spaniel was happily reunited with its family.

Humbly adv.

Without arrogance and with awareness of one's limits.

She humbly accepted the award on behalf of the whole team.

Handily adv.

With ease, skill, or a comfortable margin.

Priya handily solved the puzzle after spotting its hidden pattern.

Heartily adv.

With sincere enthusiasm, warmth, or enjoyment.

The whole audience applauded heartily at the final bow.

Honestly adv.

In a truthful, sincere, and fair way.

He honestly described both the success and the remaining risk.

Humanely adv.

With compassion and without needless harm.

The team humanely relocated the bees to a nearby orchard.

Healthily adv.

In a way that shows or supports good health.

The seedlings grew healthily after the soil was improved.

Helpfully adv.

In a way that gives useful assistance.

The guide helpfully marked the accessible entrance on the map.

I**Impressively** adv.

In a way that earns admiration.

The small team worked impressively under a tight deadline.

Ideally adv.

In the best or most suitable possible way.

Ideally, every learner would have time to practice with a mentor.

Impeccably adv.

To an exceptionally high standard and without evident faults.

The quartet played the difficult passage impeccably.

Incredibly adv.

To an extraordinary or impressive degree.

The shelter was incredibly well organized after only two days.

Impartially adv.

In a fair way that does not favor one side.

The panel assessed each entry impartially.

Inclusively adv.

In a way that welcomes and involves people with different needs.

The chair ran the discussion inclusively and invited written comments.

Ingeniously adv.

In a cleverly inventive and effective way.

The architect ingeniously reused the building's original beams.

Inventively adv.

With skill in creating original ideas or methods.

The team inventively used rainwater to cool the greenhouse.

J**Joyfully** adv.

With great happiness and delight.

The cousins joyfully reunited at the station.

Justly adv.

In a fair, morally right, or deserved way.

The paramedic was justly praised for her calm response.

Jazzily adv.

In a lively, bright, or stylish manner.

She jazzily refreshed the poster with bold yellow lettering.

Jointly adv.

Together with shared responsibility or effort.

The two schools jointly created a garden for the neighborhood.

Jollily adv.

In a cheerful, friendly, and high-spirited manner.

The host jollily welcomed each nervous newcomer by name.

Juicily adv.

In an appealingly vivid, flavorful, or interesting way.

The peaches ripened juicily in the late summer warmth.

Jauntily adv.

In a cheerful, lively, and confident manner.

She walked jauntily onto the stage in her bright red shoes.

Jokingly adv.

In a way intended to amuse rather than offend.

They jokingly awarded the baker a crown made of napkins.

K**Kindly** adv.

In a considerate, friendly, or gentle manner.

The receptionist kindly repeated the directions.

Keenly adv.

With strong interest, enthusiasm, or perception.

The apprentices listened keenly as the joiner explained the repair.

Knowingly adv.

With informed understanding or perceptive awareness.

The mentor smiled knowingly when the student found the answer.

Knowledgeably adv.

With strong knowledge and understanding of a subject.

She spoke knowledgeably about restoring native plants.

Kindheartedly adv.

In a naturally caring and helpful way.

She kindheartedly offered the stranded family a warm meal.

L**Lovingly** adv.

With deep care, warmth, or affection.

He lovingly restored the chair his grandfather had built.

Loyally adv.

With steady support, duty, or affection.

The volunteers loyally served the shelter through every winter.

Luckily adv.

By good fortune or a welcome chance.

Luckily, a passing driver had the tools needed to fix the loose wheel.

Lavishly adv.

In a generous, abundant, or richly detailed way.

The hall was lavishly decorated with flowers from neighborhood gardens.

Lawfully adv.

In a way that follows the law.

The funds were lawfully collected and openly reported.

Leniently adv.

In a merciful way that avoids unnecessary strictness.

The coach responded leniently to the harmless first mistake.

Logically adv.

In a clear and well-reasoned way.

He logically divided the project into safe, manageable stages.

Lyricaly adv.

In a beautiful, expressive, or musical manner.

The cellist played lyricaly through the gentle second movement.

M**Mindfully** adv.

With careful awareness of the present situation and its effects.

She listened mindfully before suggesting a solution.

Mildly adv.

In a gentle, calm, or moderate manner.

The teacher spoke mildly and gave the nervous student time to answer.

Merrily adv.

In a cheerful, lively, or carefree manner.

The children sang merrily as they walked home.

Maturely adv.

With sound judgment, calmness, and responsibility.

The students maturely discussed how to divide the shared equipment.

Modestly adv.

Without boasting or claiming more importance than is deserved.

She modestly credited the entire team for the award.

Mutually adv.

In a way that is shared or beneficial to all sides involved.

The teams reached a mutually helpful agreement.

Magically adv.

In a way that creates unusual delight or wonder.

The lanterns glowed magically among the trees.

Memorably adv.

In a way that is special or striking enough to be remembered.

She spoke memorably about the neighbors who rebuilt the hall.

N**Nobly** adv.

In an honorable, courageous, or generous way.

He acted nobly by defending a colleague who was being treated unfairly.

Neatly adv.

In a tidy, skillful, or pleasingly simple way.

The new shelf fits neatly beneath the window.

Nicely adv.

In a pleasant, kind, or satisfactory way.

The fresh herbs work nicely with the roasted vegetables.

Nimblely adv.

With quick, light, and skillful movement or thought.
She nimblely revised the route when the bridge closed.

Notably adv.

In a way that is especially worthy of attention.
The revised route is notably safer for children.

Naturally adv.

In a relaxed, genuine, or unforced way.
The conversation flowed naturally once everyone had been introduced.

Nutritiously adv.

In a way that provides nutrients needed for good health.
The menu feeds students nutritiously without exceeding the budget.

O**Openly** adv.

In an honest and direct manner without concealment.
The manager spoke openly about the mistake and how it would be corrected.

Onward adv.

Forward toward further progress.
After fixing the leak, the crew moved onward to the next repair.

Ornately adv.

With attractive and elaborate decorative detail.
The ceiling was ornately painted with flowers and small stars.

Optimally adv.

In the best or most effective way for the situation.
The desks were arranged optimally for conversation and clear sightlines.

Opulently adv.

In a richly luxurious and impressive manner.
The restored salon was opulently furnished without feeling crowded.

Obligingly adv.

In a willing and helpful manner.
The neighbor obligingly moved her car so the van could pass.

Objectively adv.

With fair attention to facts rather than personal preference.
The judges objectively compared each garden against the published criteria.

Observantly adv.

With careful attention to details and changes.
Mira watched observantly and noticed that the seedlings needed more shade.

P**Patiently** adv.

With calm persistence and willingness to wait.
He patiently showed each visitor how to use the new machine.

Proudly adv.

With justified pleasure in an effort, quality, or achievement.
She proudly displayed the quilt her class had made.

Politely adv.

With good manners and consideration for others.
He politely asked whether the music could be lowered.

Promptly adv.

Quickly and at the expected time.
The ranger promptly closed the unsafe section of trail.

Playfully adv.

In a lighthearted, imaginative, or gently teasing way.
The puppy playfully chased leaves across the yard.

Precisely adv.

In an exact, accurate, and careful way.
The tailor measured precisely before cutting the cloth.

Prudently adv.

With careful judgment about results and risks.
The treasurer prudently kept a reserve for urgent repairs.

Peacefully adv.

In a calm manner without conflict or disturbance.
The marchers gathered peacefully in the town square.

Q

Quickly adv.

With useful speed or without unnecessary delay.
The volunteers quickly sorted the supplies for morning delivery.

Quietly adv.

In a calm, unobtrusive, or low-noise manner.
She quietly replaced the empty water pitcher before the meeting began.

Quintessentially adv.

In a way that perfectly represents a particular quality or type.
The welcoming village fair was quintessentially a community celebration.

Quaintly adv.

In an attractively old-fashioned or unusual way.
The cottage was quaintly furnished with hand-painted chairs.

Quirkily adv.

In an appealingly unusual or playful manner.
The illustrator quirkily gave every cloud a tiny hat.

Quiescently adv.

In a quiet, still, and undisturbed manner.
The old dog rested quiescently beside the warm stove.

Quick-wittedly adv.

With sharp understanding and a clever rapid response.

Sam quick-wittedly redirected the joke without embarrassing the nervous speaker.

R**Readily** adv.

Willingly or without unnecessary delay.

The neighbors readily shared tools for the cleanup.

Richly adv.

In an abundant, meaningful, or rewarding way.

The book is richly illustrated with local artwork.

Rightly adv.

For a fair, accurate, or morally sound reason.

The rescue team was rightly praised for its careful work.

Reliably adv.

In a consistently dependable or accurate way.

The old pump still works reliably after regular maintenance.

Robustly adv.

In a strong, healthy, or reliable way.

The young trees grew robustly after the soil was improved.

Radiantly adv.

With brightness, happiness, or healthy energy.

The children smiled radiantly when the curtain rose.

Restfully adv.

In a calm way that restores energy.

The baby slept restfully after the long journey.

Rationally adv.

With clear reason and sound judgment.

They discussed the setback rationally and agreed on a new approach.

S**Sincerely** adv.

With honest feeling or intention.

He sincerely apologized and replaced the damaged book.

Safely adv.

In a way that avoids likely harm or danger.

The guide brought everyone safely across the river.

Smartly adv.

In an intelligent, efficient, or stylish way.

The small apartment was smartly arranged to create more space.

Swiftly adv.

With useful speed and effectiveness.

The crew swiftly contained the small fire.

Securely adv.

In a safe, stable, or firmly attached way.

The shelves were securely fixed to the wall.

Sensibly adv.

With sound and practical judgment.

They sensibly postponed the climb when fog covered the ridge.

Smoothly adv.

In an even, calm, or trouble-free way.

The event ran smoothly despite the larger crowd.

Steadily adv.

At a consistent and controlled pace.

The seedlings grew steadily after the rain.

T**Truly** adv.

In a sincere, genuine, or accurate way.

The guide truly cared about every visitor's safety.

Tidily adv.

In a neat, clear, and orderly way.

The tools were tidily arranged by size.

Tenderly adv.

With gentleness, warmth, and care.

She tenderly wrapped the rescued kitten in a towel.

Together adv.

With one another in cooperation or companionship.

The neighbors worked together to clear the path.

Tactfully adv.

With honesty and care for another person's feelings.

He tactfully redirected the conversation.

Tastefully adv.

With good judgment in style or decoration.

The hall was tastefully decorated with local flowers.

Thankfully adv.

With gratitude or as a welcome result.

Thankfully, every passenger reached shore safely.

Thoroughly adv.

In a careful and complete way.

The technician thoroughly tested the repaired circuit.

U**Unconditionally** adv.

Without imposing conditions or limits.

Her family loved her unconditionally.

Unanimously adv.

With agreement from everyone involved.

The volunteers unanimously supported the new community garden.

Unfailingly adv.

Consistently and reliably, without failing.

He was unfailingly courteous to every visitor.

Unselfishly adv.

With concern for others rather than personal advantage.

The team shared its equipment unselfishly with the newcomers.

Unreservedly adv.

Fully and without hesitation or qualification.

She thanked the volunteers unreservedly for their support.

Unwaveringly adv.

With steady determination or loyalty.

They remained unwaveringly committed to helping their neighbors.

V**Vibrantly** adv.

With vivid color, lively energy, or strong expression.

Wildflowers bloomed vibrantly along the restored riverbank.

Viably adv.

In a way capable of working or succeeding.

The small farm operates viably by sharing expensive equipment.

Vitally adv.

In an essential, energetic, or life-supporting way.

Wetlands remain vitally important to the region's water supply.

Vividly adv.

In a bright, clear, or strongly memorable way.

The mural vividly celebrates the neighborhood's history.

Valuably adv.

In a useful, important, or beneficial way.

Her questions valuably redirected attention toward the missing evidence.

Valiantly adv.

With courage and determination despite danger or difficulty.

The small team worked valiantly to protect the flooded homes.

Verifiably adv.

In a way that evidence can reliably confirm.

The revised process is verifiably safer under repeated testing.

Vigilantly adv.

With careful watchfulness for danger, error, or change.

Rangers vigilantly guarded the nesting beach throughout the night.

W

Warmly adv.

In a friendly, affectionate, or enthusiastic way.

The audience warmly applauded every young performer.

Well adv.

In a skillful, healthy, satisfactory, or effective manner.

The volunteers worked well together under pressure.

Wholly adv.

Completely and without reservation.

The new route is wholly accessible to wheelchair users.

Wisely adv.

With sound judgment and careful understanding.

The team wisely saved a backup before the upgrade.

Worthily adv.

In a way that deserves respect, honor, or a good result.

The apprentices carried the old craft worthily into a new generation.

Willingly adv.

Readily and of one's own free choice.

Neighbors willingly shared tools with the rebuilding crew.

Winningly adv.

In an attractive, engaging, or successful way.

He winningly invited the shy child to join the game.

Wondrously adv.

In a way that inspires delight, wonder, or admiration.

The lanterns glowed wondrously among the trees.

X

Xenially adv.

In a hospitable and friendly way toward guests or strangers.

The hosts received their travelers xenially.

Xenodochially adv.

With hospitality and kindness toward strangers.

The villagers welcomed the new arrivals xenodochially.

Y

Youthfully adv.

With the energy, freshness, or openness associated with youth.

He approached the unfamiliar game youthfully and without self-consciousness.

Yep adv.

An informal yes expressing agreement or confirmation.

His cheerful yep settled the picnic plan for Saturday.

Yup adv.

An informal yes expressing ready agreement or confirmation.
A smiling yup confirmed the bakery could donate bread.

Yeah adv.

An informal affirmative answer expressing agreement or approval.
Her quick yeah confirmed support for the neighborhood plan.

Yummily adv.

In a way that tastes or smells especially pleasing.
The cinnamon rolls smelled yummiy warm from the oven.

Yea adv.

In the affirmative or in support of a proposal.
All twelve members voted yea on the playground repair.

Yarely adv.

Readily, skillfully, and with lively speed.
The deckhands worked yarely as the wind strengthened.

Yearningly adv.

With deep, earnest longing for something sincerely valued.
She looked yearningly toward the music school across town.

Z**Zealously** adv.

With energetic devotion to a cause or purpose.
The group zealously protected the wetland from illegal dumping.

Zippily adv.

In a lively, energetic, and pleasantly quick way.
The short chapters move zippily from one idea to the next.

Zestfully adv.

With lively enjoyment and energy.
The children zestfully decorated the hall for the concert.

Zanily adv.

In an amusingly unconventional, playful, or lively manner.
The puppets danced zanily across the stage during intermission.

Zestily adv.

With lively enjoyment, enthusiasm, or appealing sharpness.
The band played zestily as dancers filled the square.