

**gradually**['grædʒʊəli] *adv*

постепенно, последовательно, мало-помалу, понемногу

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**grad-ual-ly** [gradually] *BrE* ['grædʒʊəli] <sup>m</sup> *NAmE* ['grædʒʊəli] <sup>m</sup> *adverb*

slowly, over a long period of time

- The weather gradually improved.
- Gradually, the children began to understand.
- Women have gradually become more involved in the decision-making process.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

**grad-ual-ly** **S3 W3** /'grædʒʊəli/ *BrE* <sup>m</sup> *AmE* <sup>m</sup> *adverb*slowly, over a long period of time **OPP suddenly**:

- Jill gradually became aware of an awful smell.
- Gradually, my ankle got better.

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- **slowly** at a slow speed: Large white clouds drifted slowly across the sky. | The situation is slowly improving.
- **gradually** happening slowly over a period of time: I practised every day, and gradually got better. | Many of our forests are gradually disappearing.
- **little by little/bit by bit** slowly, in a series of small amounts or stages: Add the olive oil, little by little. | It's best to do the work bit by bit.
- **at a snail's pace** extremely slowly, especially when this is annoying: Traffic was moving at a snail's pace. | The project seems to be moving at a snail's pace.

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