

**lightly**1. ['laɪtli] *adv*

## 1. слегка, едва; чуть-чуть

lightly salted food - чуть подсолённая /присоленная/ пища

lightly cooked - слегка отваренный

to sleep lightly - дремать; спать чутко

they were but lightly rewarded - им дали лишь небольшое вознаграждение

## 2. проворно, быстро; легко

offences not lightly forgotten [forgiven] - оскорбления, которые трудно забыть [нелегко простить]

## 3. 1) не задумываясь; с лёгким сердцем; беспечно

to take lightly - не принимать всерьёз

credulous people believe lightly whatever they hear - доверчивые люди легко верят всему, что слышат

## 2) легко, без усилий

these are opinions that I have not lightly formed, or that I can lightly quit - эти убеждения не легко у меня сложились, и я не могу

легко отказаться от них

## 4. пренебрежительно; невнимательно

◇ lightly come, lightly go - *посл.* ≅ легко нажито, легко прожито2. ['laɪtli] *v шотл.*

относиться пренебрежительно; обращаться с пренебрежением

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**light·ly** ['laɪtli] *BrE* ['laɪtli] *AmE* ['laɪtli] *adv*

## 1. gently; with very little force or effort

• He kissed her lightly on the cheek.

• She ran lightly up the stairs.

## 2. to a small degree; not much

• It began to snow lightly.

• She tended to sleep lightly nowadays (= it was easy to disturb her) .

• I try to eat lightly (= not to eat heavy or ↑greasy food) .

## 3. in a way that sounds as though you are not particularly worried or interested

**Syn:** ↑nonchalantly

• 'I'll be all right,' he said lightly.

## 4. without being seriously considered

• This is not a problem we should **take lightly** .

• Such fears should not be dismissed lightly.

**Idiom:** ↑get be let off lightly**lightly**

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**light·ly** /'laɪtli/ *BrE* *AmE* *adv*[**Word Family:** **noun:** ↑light, ↑lighter, ↑lighting, ↑lightness; **adjective:** ↑light, ↑lighted, ↑unlit; **verb:** ↑light, ↑lighten; **adverb:** ↑lightly, ↑light]1. with only a small amount of weight or force **SYN gently:**

▪ I knocked lightly on the door.

## 2. using or having only a small amount of something:

▪ a lightly greased pan

▪ lightly armed soldiers

3. **take/treat/approach something lightly** to do something without serious thought:

▪ Divorce is not a matter you can afford to take lightly.

4. **get off lightly** (also **be let off lightly**) to be punished in a way that is less severe than you deserve:

▪ He got off lightly because his father was a lawyer.

## 5. without worrying, or without appearing to be worried:

▪ 'Things will be fine,' he said lightly.

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