

**rapidly****rap·id·ly** *BrE* ['ræpɪdli] <sup>m</sup> ; *NAmE* ['ræpɪdli] <sup>m</sup> **adverb**

- a rapidly growing economy
- Crime figures are rising rapidly.

Main entry: ↑**rapid**<sub>derived</sub>**rapidly**

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very quickly and in a very short time:

The disease was spreading more rapidly than expected.

**rapidly growing/changing/expanding etc**

the rapidly changing world of technology

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**THESAURUS**

- **quickly** at a high speed or without taking much time: The stream was flowing quite quickly. | They quickly became friends.
- **fast** at a high speed – used especially when talking about how something moves: You're driving too fast! | He ran home as fast as he could.
- **quick** *spoken* quickly – used in exclamations or in comparatives: Quick! There's a mouse!
- **swiftly** *written* quickly: The government acted swiftly. | She was surprised that he agreed so swiftly.
- **rapidly** quickly – used especially about changes, increases, improvements etc: The population is growing rapidly. | a rapidly changing world
- **speedily** quickly and therefore efficiently: All problems were speedily dealt with.
- **briskly** quickly and energetically: He walked briskly back along the path.
- **at high/great speed** at a very fast speed – used especially in technical descriptions: The molecules are travelling at great speed.
- **at a rapid rate** *especially written* quickly – used about changes, increases, improvements etc: Internet shopping is growing at a rapid rate.
- **as quick as a flash/in a flash** extremely quickly: As quick as a flash, I was back in my bed and under the covers.
- **like lightning** moving extremely quickly: Like lightning, the cat darted under the bushes.
- **flat out** *especially British English* at the fastest speed possible: The car was going flat out. | He was running flat out.

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