

gradualI
[ˈɡrædʒvəl] *a*

постепенный, последовательный

gradual change - постепенное изменение

gradual ascent - плавный подъём

a gradual return to health - постепенное /медленное/ выздоровление

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[ˈɡrædʒvəl] *n*

1. церковный гимн

2. сборник церковных гимнов и псалмов (*у католиков*)**gradual**

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

grad-ual [gradual graduals] BrE [ˈɡrædʒvəl] ^ˈ NAmE [ˈɡrædʒvəl] ^ˈ adjective

1. happening slowly over a long period; not sudden

• a gradual change in the climate

• Recovery from the disease is very gradual.

Opp: ↑sudden2. (*of a slope*) not steepWord Origin:late Middle English: from medieval Latin **gradualis**, from Latin **gradus** ‘step’. The original sense of the adjective was ‘arranged in degrees’.Thesaurus:**gradual** *adj.*

• a gradual change in climate

slow • • **measured** •**Opp:** suddengradual/slow **improvement /change/acceptance****gradual**

Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

grad-ual /ˈɡrædʒvəl/ BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ adjective[**Date:** 1400-1500; **Language:** Medieval Latin; **Origin:** gradualis, from Latin gradus; ⇒ ↑**grade**¹]1. happening slowly over a long period of time **OPP sudden:**

• There has been a gradual change in climate.

• the gradual decline in manufacturing industry

• Education is a gradual process.

2. a gradual slope is not steep

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THESAURUS

- **slow** not moving quickly or not doing something quickly: I was always one of the slowest runners in my class. | My computer's really slow compared to the ones at school.
- **gradual** happening, developing, or changing slowly over a long period of time: a gradual rise in the Earth's temperature | I've noticed a gradual improvement in his work.
- **leisurely** *especially written* moving or doing something slowly, especially because you are enjoying what you are doing and do not have to hurry: a leisurely breakfast | They walked at a leisurely pace.
- **unhurried** *especially written* moving or doing something in a slow and calm way, without rushing at all: She continued to listen, seeming relaxed and unhurried. | the doctor's calm unhurried manner
- **sluggish** moving or reacting more slowly than usual, especially because of a loss of power or energy. Also used when business, sales, or the economy seem very slow: The car seems rather sluggish going uphill. | The drink was making her sluggish. | the company's sluggish performance this year | Sales have been sluggish.
- **lethargic** moving slowly, because you feel as if you have no energy and no interest in doing anything: She woke up feeling heavy and lethargic. | His son seemed depressed and lethargic.
- **languid** *literary* slow and with very little energy or activity – used about people, actions, or periods of time: She lifted her hand in a languid wave. | a long languid afternoon in the middle of summer | He was pale and had rather a languid air about him.
- **glacial** *literary* extremely slow – used especially about the speed at which something happens: Things are changing, but at a glacial pace.

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