

THE SUFFIX '-LY'

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The suffix **'-ly'** can mean **in a certain manner**. Note that there are other meanings of the suffix **'-ly'**.  
e.g. glad → **gladly**

1. **Make new words by adding the suffix '-ly' to the root words below. Write the new words in the boxes provided.**

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|----------|----------------------|-----------|----------------------|
| a. brave | <input type="text"/> | f. sad    | <input type="text"/> |
| b. bold  | <input type="text"/> | g. quick  | <input type="text"/> |
| c. calm  | <input type="text"/> | h. proud  | <input type="text"/> |
| d. eager | <input type="text"/> | i. soft   | <input type="text"/> |
| e. quiet | <input type="text"/> | j. sudden | <input type="text"/> |



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**2. Fill in the blanks by adding the suffix '-ly' to the words in brackets.**

- a. Mr. Baker spoke  to the students.  
(soft)
- b. Mrs. Peters  turned around and left the room.  
(calm)
- c. Henry ran  to the bathroom.  
(quick)
- d. We waited  for our teacher to arrive.  
(eager)
- e. Jane walked  to the stage to get her medal.  
(proud)
- f. David  approached Goliath.  
(brave)
- g. A mouse  appeared under the table.  
(sudden)



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**boldly**

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(soft)
- b. Mrs. Peters **calmly** turned around and left the room.  
(calm)
- c. Henry ran **quickly** to the bathroom.  
(quick)
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(eager)
- e. Jane walked **proudly** to the stage to get her medal.  
(proud)
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