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Each adverb in the table gives a basic description. Think of at least **four** different adverbs or adverbial phrases, including prepositional phrases and similes, that describe similar conditions. Use a thesaurus if necessary.

quietly

kindly

unkindly

tiredly



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angrily

quickly

happily

bravely

# ANSWER KEY

Answers will vary. Examples are given.

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