

Need another word that means the same as “formidable”? Find 45 synonyms and 30 related words for “formidable” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Formidable” are: redoubtable, unnerving, intimidating, forbidding, daunting, alarming, frightening, terrifying, petrifying, horrifying, chilling, disturbing, disquieting, dreadful, brooding, awesome, fearsome, ominous, foreboding, sinister, menacing, threatening, dangerous, onerous, arduous, taxing, difficult, hard, heavy, laborious, burdensome, strenuous, vigorous, stiff, uphill, relentless, herculean, monumental, colossal, capable, able, proficient, adept, adroit, accomplished

Formidable as an Adjective

Definitions of "Formidable" as an adjective

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “formidable” as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *Inspiring fear or respect through being impressively large, powerful, intense, or capable.*
- *Inspiring fear.*
- *Inspiring fear- G.H.Johnston.*
- *Extremely impressive in strength or excellence.*



Synonyms of "Formidable" as an adjective (45 Words)

- able** Having considerable skill proficiency or intelligence.
*A **capable** administrator.*
- accomplished** Highly skilled.
*That smoking causes health problems is an **accomplished** fact.*
- adept** Having or showing knowledge and skill and aptitude.
*She is **adept** at cutting through red tape.*
- adroit** Quick or skillful or adept in action or thought.
*His **adroit** replies to hecklers won him many followers.*
- alarming** Worrying or disturbing.
*Our countryside is disappearing at an **alarming** rate.*
- arduous** Taxing to the utmost; testing powers of endurance- F.D.Roosevelt.
*Your willingness after these six **arduous** days to remain here.*
- awesome** Extremely impressive or daunting; inspiring awe.
*The band is truly **awesome**.*
- brooding** Deeply or seriously thoughtful.
*He stared with **brooding** eyes.*
- burdensome** Undesirably restrictive.
*The **burdensome** responsibilities of professional life.*

capable	Having the temperament or inclination for. <i>I m quite capable of taking care of myself.</i>
chilling	Provoking fear terror. <i>A chilling account of the prisoners fate.</i>
colossal	(of a statue) at least twice life size. <i>Has a colossal nerve.</i>
dangerous	Likely to cause problems or to have adverse consequences. <i>It is dangerous to convict on his evidence.</i>
daunting	Discouraging through fear. <i>A daunting task.</i>
difficult	Hard to control. <i>A difficult child.</i>
disquieting	Inducing feelings of anxiety or worry. <i>He found Jean s gaze disquieting.</i>
disturbing	Causing distress or worry or anxiety. <i>A disturbing amount of crime.</i>
dreadful	Used to emphasize the degree to which something is the case, especially something regarded with sadness or disapproval. <i>She looked quite dreadful and she was struggling for breath.</i>
fearsome	Frightening, especially in appearance. <i>The cat mewed displaying a fearsome set of teeth.</i>
forbidding	Harshly uninviting or formidable in manner or appearance- J.M.Barrie. <i>A grim and forbidding building.</i>
foreboding	Ominously prophetic. <i>When the Doctor spoke his voice was dark and foreboding.</i>
frightening	Making someone afraid or anxious; terrifying. <i>A frightening experience.</i>
hard	Unfortunate or hard to bear. <i>A hard bargainer.</i>
heavy	Large and powerful especially designed for heavy loads or rough work. <i>A heavy heart.</i>
herculean	Extremely difficult; requiring the strength of a Hercules. <i>A herculean task.</i>
horrifying	Provoking horror- Winston Churchill. <i>An alarming even horrifying picture.</i>
intimidating	Having a frightening, overawing, or threatening effect. <i>Public speaking is an intimidating experience.</i>

laborious	Requiring considerable time and effort. <i>She wrote in laborious dictionary assisted English.</i>
<u>menacing</u>	Threatening or foreshadowing evil or tragic developments. <i>His tone became menacing.</i>
monumental	Relating or belonging to or serving as a monument. <i>Einstein's monumental contributions to physics.</i>
ominous	Presaging ill fortune. <i>There were ominous dark clouds gathering overhead.</i>
onerous	(of a task or responsibility) involving a great deal of effort, trouble, or difficulty. <i>My duties were onerous I only had to greet the guests.</i>
petrifying	Paralyzing with terror.
proficient	Having or showing knowledge and skill and aptitude. <i>A proficient engineer.</i>
redoubtable	Inspiring fear- G.H.Johnston. <i>He was a redoubtable debater.</i>
<u>relentless</u>	Not to be placated or appeased or moved by entreaty. <i>A patient but relentless taskmaster.</i>
<u>sinister</u>	Threatening or foreshadowing evil or tragic developments. <i>A sinister smile.</i>
<u>stiff</u>	Rigidly formal. <i>A stiff increase in taxes.</i>
strenuous	Requiring or using great effort or exertion. <i>A strenuous task.</i>
taxing	Physically or mentally demanding. <i>They find the work too taxing.</i>
<u>terrifying</u>	Causing extreme fear. <i>The terrifying events of the past few weeks.</i>
threatening	Threatening or foreshadowing evil or tragic developments. <i>She was a type he found threatening.</i>
<u>unnerving</u>	Inspiring fear. <i>Something unnerving and prisonlike about high grey wall.</i>
uphill	Requiring great effort; difficult. <i>The journey is slightly uphill.</i>
<u>vigorous</u>	Characterized by or involving physical strength, effort, or energy. <i>A vigorous foreign policy.</i>



Usage Examples of "Formidable" as an adjective

- *The formidable army of brains at the Prime Minister's disposal.*
- *Had a formidable array of compositions to his credit.*
- *The challenge was formidable.*
- *A formidable opponent.*

- *The formidable prospect of major surgery.*



Associations of "Formidable" (30 Words)

- abominable** Unequivocally detestable- Edmund Burke.
Abominable workmanship.
- afraid** Anxious about the well-being or safety of.
I m afraid of dogs.
- alarming** Frightening because of an awareness of danger.
*Our countryside is disappearing at an **alarming** rate.*
- appall** Strike with disgust or revulsion.
- awful** Awfully very.
*An **awful** voice.*

<u>chilling</u>	Provoking fear terror. A chilling account of the prisoners fate.
<u>dread</u>	Dreadlocks. He was stricken with the dread disease and died.
<u>dreadful</u>	Very unpleasant. I feel dreadful I hate myself.
fear	Avoid doing something because one is afraid. They hushed it up out of fear of public reaction.
fearful	Causing fear or dread or terror. A fearful glance.
fearfulness	The trait of being afraid.
fearsome	Frightening, especially in appearance. The cat mewed displaying a fearsome set of teeth.
fright	Frighten. I got the fright of my life seeing her in the hotel.
<u>frightening</u>	The act of inspiring with fear. A frightening experience.
frightful	Provoking horror. Her hair was a frightful mess.
<u>ghastly</u>	Shockingly repellent; inspiring horror. A ghastly pallor.
hideous	Grossly offensive to decency or morality; causing horror. The whole hideous story.
<u>horrific</u>	Causing horror. Horrific injuries.
<u>horror</u>	Something that inspires horror something horrible. The horrors of civil war.
<u>panic</u>	Cause sudden fear in or fill with sudden panic. Talk of love panicked her.
petrify	Make rigid and set into a conventional pattern. Slogans petrify our thinking.
redoubtable	(of a person) formidable, especially as an opponent. The redoubtable ladies.
<u>scare</u>	Become scared. She has been given the all clear after a breast cancer scare .
scared	Fearful; frightened. I m scared stiff of flying.

scary	Frightening; causing fear. <i>It was scary the way they bonded with each other.</i>
terrible	Very unskilful. <i>Terrible handwriting.</i>
terrify	Fill with terror; frighten greatly. <i>The thought terrifies me.</i>
<u>terrifying</u>	Causing extreme fear. <i>A terrifying wail.</i>
terror	Terrorism. <i>His delivery is the terror of even world class batsmen.</i>
<u>unpleasant</u>	(of a person or their manner) unfriendly and inconsiderate; rude. <i>An unpleasant personality.</i>

