

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.*

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

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

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

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

