[′dvə,′davə] *а* 1. суровый; непреклонный

2. угрюмый, мрачный

dour silence - угрюмое молчание

## dour

- dour BrE ['daʊə(r)] NAmE ['daʊər] BrE [dʊə(r)] NAmE [dʊr] adjective
  - 1. (of a person) giving the impression of being unfriendly and severe
  - 2. (of a thing, a place, or a situation) not pleasant; with no features that make it lively or interesting
    - The city, drab and dour by day, is transformed at night.
    - The game proved to be a dour struggle, with both men determined to win.
    - Derived Word tourly

# Word Origin:

[dour dourly] late Middle English (originally Scots): probably from Scottish Gaelic dúr 'dull, obstinate, stupid', perhaps from Latin durus 'hard'.

# Example Bank:

- He was a dour middle-aged man.
- He was a striking figure with a long, dour face.
- They were barely acknowledged by a dour receptionist.

#### dour

## dour /duə, 'dauə \$ daur, dur/ BrE \* AmE \* adjective

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Gaelic; Origin: dur, perhaps from Latin durus 'hard]

- 1. serious, neversmiling, and unfriendly
- 2. a dour place is one that is plain and dull, and where people do not have any fun
- -dourly adverb

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