

[fɪəs] **a**

1. свирепый, лютый, жестокий
 fierce dog - злая собака
 fierce expression of countenance - свирепое выражение лица
 fierce competition - жестокая конкуренция
2. неистовый, сильный
 fierce tempest - ≅ неистовство бури
 fierce heat - невыносимая жара
 fierce hat red - люта я ненависть
 fierce desire - горячее /безудержное/ желание
3. бодрый, энергичный
 to make a fierce effort - приложить все силы
4. *сл.* отвратительный
 the weather has been fierce - погода была мерзкая
5. *тех.* резко действующий (о сцеплении и т. п.)

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fierce [fɪərs fɪərs fɪərs] *BrE* [fɪəs] *NAmE* [fɪrs] **adjective** (fier-cer, fier-cest)

1. (especially of people or animals) angry and aggressive in a way that is frightening
 - a fierce dog
 - Two fierce eyes glared at them.
 - He suddenly looked fierce.
 - She spoke in a fierce whisper.
 - The more she struggled, the fiercer he became.
2. (especially of actions or emotions) showing strong feelings or a lot of activity, often in a way that is violent
 - fierce loyalty
 - the scene of fierce fighting
 - He launched a fierce attack on the Democrats.
 - Competition from abroad became fiercer in the 1990s.
 - His wife is his fiercest critic.
 - The bill was passed despite fierce opposition.
3. (of weather conditions or temperatures) very strong in a way that could cause damage
 - fierce wind
 - the fierce heat of the flames

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Derived Words ↑fiercely ▪ ↑fierceness

Word Origin:
 Middle English: from Old French **fiers** 'fierce, brave, proud', from Latin **ferus** 'untamed'.

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[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: fiers, from Latin ferus 'wild']

1. done with a lot of energy and strong feelings, and sometimes violence:
 - fierce fighting in the city
 - **fierce attack/opposition/criticism etc**
 - The government's policies came under fierce attack.
 - a fierce debate
 - fierce competition between the companies
2. a fierce person or animal is angry or ready to attack, and looks very frightening:
 - fierce guard dogs
 - She turned round, looking fierce.
3. fierce emotions are very strong and often angry:
 - These people take fierce pride in their independence.
4. fierce cold, heat, or weather is much colder, hotter etc than usual:
 - a fierce wind
5. *informal* looking very good and fashionable **SYN fabulous**
6. **something fierce** *American English spoken* more loudly, strongly etc than usual:
 - I was snowing something fierce.

—**fiercely** *adverb*
 —**fierceness** *noun* [uncountable]

THESAURUS

- **violent** /'vaɪələnt/ using force to hurt or kill people – used about people, crimes etc. Also used about films or books that contain a lot of violence: a violent man who couldn't control his temper | the increase in violent crime | The film is too violent to be shown to children.
- **vicious** /'vɪʃəs/ violent and dangerous, and seeming to enjoy hurting people for no reason: a vicious attack on an unarmed man |

We were surrounded by a gang of vicious thugs, armed with knives.

- **rough** /rʌf/ using force or violence, but not causing serious injury: Some of the boys were being a bit rough with the younger kids. | There were complaints about rough treatment by the police.
- **brutal** /'bruːtəl/ behaving in a way that is very cruel and violent, and showing no pity: | Amin was a brutal dictator. | a particularly brutal murder | The prison guards were brutal and corrupt.
- **savage** /'sævɪdʒ/ attacking people in a particularly cruel way – used about people and fighting, especially in news reports: a savage killer | There was savage fighting in the capital Mogadishu.
- **bloody** a bloody battle or war is very violent and a lot of people are killed or injured: a bloody civil war | The Russians were engaged in a bloody battle against the German army.
- **ferocious** /fə'reʊʃəs/ a ferocious attack or battle is extremely violent. Also used about animals that are likely to attack in a very violent way: The two armies fought a ferocious battle. | a ferocious beast | It was the most ferocious attack I have ever seen.
- **fierce** a fierce animal or person looks frightening and likely to attack people: A fierce dog stood growling at the gate. | Bears are always fierce when they have young. | fierce bodyguards
- **bloodthirsty** a bloodthirsty person enjoys watching violence. A bloodthirsty story contains a lot of violent scenes: | In Mexico, humans were sacrificed to bloodthirsty gods. | a bloodthirsty tale of revenge
- **gory** showing or describing injuries, blood, death etc clearly and in detail: a gory horror movie | The book was too gory for many readers.

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