

formidable

[ˈfɔːmɪd|əb(ə)], fəˈmɪd{əb(ə)}-]a

1. странный, грозный
formidable appearance - устрашающая внешность
2. труднопреодолимый, очень трудный
formidable task - невероятно трудная задача
3. огромный, внушительный
formidable army - сильная армия; огромная армия
a formidable pile of letters - огромная пачка писем
a formidable helping of pudding - внушительная порция пудинга

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for-mid-able BrE [ˈfɔːmɪdəbəl] NAmE [ˈfɔːrmɪdəbəl] BrE [fəˈmɪdəbəl]

NAmE [fəˈmɪdəbəl] adjective

if people, things or situations are formidable, you feel fear and/or respect for them, because they are impressive or powerful, or because they seem very difficult

- In debate he was a formidable opponent.
- Somehow the small but formidable woman fought her way through the crowd to reach her son.
- She has a formidable list of qualifications.
- The two players together make a formidable combination.
- The task was a formidable one.
- They had to overcome formidable obstacles.

Derived Word ↑formidably

Word Origin:

[**formidable** **formidably**] late Middle English: from French, or from Latin **formidabilis**, from **formidare** 'to fear'.

Example Bank:

- The task looks formidable.
- a very formidable opponent

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for-mi-da-ble /ˈfɔːmɪdəbəl, ˈfɔːmɪdəbəl, fəˈmɪd-ə-ˈfɔːr- BrE AmE adjective

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Latin; Origin: formidabilis, from formido 'fear']

1. very powerful or impressive, and often frightening:
 - The building is grey, formidable, not at all picturesque.
 - The new range of computers have formidable processing power.
2. difficult to deal with and needing a lot of effort or skill
formidable task/challenge
 - the formidable task of local government reorganization

—**formidably** adverb

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