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intimidate

in timi date [intimidate intimidates intimidated intimidating] BrE [In'tImIdeIt]

- *NAmE* [in'timident] verb~ sb (into sth/into doing sth) to frighten or threaten sb so that they will do what you want
- They were accused of intimidating people into voting for them.
- She refused to be intimidated by their threats.
- Derived Word [†]intimidation

Verb forms: verb forms

present simple	
I / you / we /they	intimidate
	BrE / In 'timideit/
	NAmE /In 'timideit/
he / she /it	intimidates
	BrE /m`timideits/
	NAME /IN 'tIMIDEITS/
past simple, past participle	intimidated
	BrE / In 'timideitid/
	NAME /IN 'timideitid/
-ing form	intimidating
	BrE / In 'timideitin/
	NAmE /in 'timideitin/

Word Origin:

mid 17th cent.: from medieval Latin intimidat- 'made timid', from the verb intimidare (based on timidus 'timid').

Example Bank:

- He was not a man to be easily intimidated.
- She did not feel intimidated by him.
- The police had tried to intimidate him into signing a confession.
- Buildings were set on fire in an attempt to intimidate our members.

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in tim i date /in'timədeit, in'timideit/ BrE * AmE * verb [transitive]

[Date: 1600-1700; Language: Medieval Latin; Origin: past participle of intimidare, from Latin timidus;

$\mathbf{1}.$ to frighten or threaten someone into making them do what you want

intimidate somebody into doing something

- They tried to intimidate the young people into voting for them.
- Attempts to intimidate her failed.
- 2. to make someone feel worried and not confident:

The whole idea of going to Oxford intimidated me.

-intimidation /In,tImə'deIJən, In,tImI'deIJən/ noun [uncountable]:

- ^{*} She had endured years of intimidation and violence.
- the intimidation of voters

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• frighten to make someone feel afraid: The thought of being in court frightened him.

• scare *especially spoken* to frighten someone. Scare is less formal than frighten, and is the usual word to use in everyday English: He was driving fast just to scare us. I It scared him to think that his mother might never recover.

• terrify to make someone feel extremely frightened: The idea of going down into the caves terrified her. | Robbers terrified bank staff by threatening them at gunpoint.

• give somebody a fright to make someone suddenly feel frightened in a way that makes their heart beat more quickly: It gave me a terrible fright when I found him unconscious on the floor.

• give somebody the creeps if a person or place gives you the creeps, they make you feel slightly frightened because they are strange: This house gives me the creeps.

• startle to frighten someone. Used when you suddenly see someone and did not know they were there, or when you suddenly hear something: I'm sorry. I didn't mean to startle you. | The noise startled him, and he dropped his glass on the floor.

• alarm to make someone feel frightened and worried that something bad might happen: I didn't want to alarm her by calling in the middle of the night.

• intimidate to deliberately frighten someone, especially so that they will do what you want: Many of the gangs were using dogs to intimidate people.

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