

**stern**

I

1. [stɜːn] *n*1. *мор.* корма

stern on - кормой вперёд

stern sea - кильватерная струя

2. *груб., шутл.* ягодицы, зад, «корма»3. хвост, правило (*особ.* у гончей или волка)

4. 1) задняя часть какого-л. предмета

2) *ав.* хвостовая часть2. [stɜːn] *v мор.*1. 1) направлять (*корабль*) кормой вперёд; табанить

2) идти кормой вперёд, идти задним ходом

stern back - давать задний ход

2. поставить за корму

II

[stɜːn] *a*

## 1. 1) суровый

stern necessity [reality] - суровая необходимость [действительность]

stern coast [look, face] - угрюмый берег [взгляд, -ое лицо]

stern father [judge, tutor] - строгий отец [судья, наставник]

stern punishment - суровое наказание

to be stern to one's pupils - строго обращаться с учениками

## 2) жестокий, яростный

stern battle [debate] - яростная /жестокая/ битва [полемика]

## 2. твёрдый, непреклонный, стойкий

stern follower - убеждённый последователь

stern resolve - непреклонная решимость

◇ the sterner sex - сильный пол

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**stern** [stɜːn stɜːns] **adjective, noun** *BrE* [stɜːn] *NAmE* [stɜːn]**adjective** (**stern-er**, **stern-est**)

## 1. serious and often disapproving expecting sb to obey you

**Syn:** ↑strict• a **stern face/expression/look**• a **stern warning**

• Her voice was stern.

• The police are planning sterner measures to combat crime.

## 2. serious and difficult

• a stern test of nerves

• We face stern opposition.

Word Origin:**adj.** Old English styrne West Germanic ↑stare**n.** Middle English Old Norse stjórnn 'steering' stýra 'to steer'Thesaurus:**stern** **adj.**

• His voice was suddenly stern.

**grim** • |especially written **severe** • • **steely** • |disapproving **hard** • • **unforgiving** • • **dour** •a stern/grim/severe/steely/hard **look/voice**a stern/grim/severe/hard/dour **expression/face**a stern/grim/severe **warning**Example Bank:

• He quickly became notorious for his stern management.

• Her mother appeared, looking very stern.

• His voice was suddenly stern.

• She always seemed to have the same stern expression on her face.

• There was a hint of a smile on his usually rather stern face.

Idiom: ↑made of sterner stuffDerived Words ↑sternly ▪ ↑sternness**noun**

the back end of a ship or boat

**compare** ↑bow <sup>1</sup> <sub>n.</sub>, ↑poop, **see** from stem to stern **at** ↑stem <sub>n.</sub>

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I. **stern**<sup>1</sup> /stɜːn/\$stɜːrn/ *BrE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *adjective*

[Language: Old English; Origin: *styrne*]

1. serious and strict, and showing strong disapproval of someone's behaviour:

ˈstɜːnə stɜːnə pənəltaɪz fɔː drʌg ɔːfensəs

**stern look/voice/expression etc**

ˈwaɪt! I shoutɪd ɪn maɪ stɜːnɪst voɪs.

**stern warning/rebuke**

hɪs ɔːnsən hæv ɪəndəd hɪm stɜːn rɪbʊks frəm hʌmən raɪts ɔːnəzaɪʃən.

2. **be made of sterner stuff** to have a strong character and be more determined than other people to succeed in a difficult situation:

ˌæn, maɪd ɔv stɜːnə stʌf θən I, rɪfuzd ɔl ɔfəz ɔv hɛlp.

—**sternly** *adverb*

—**sternness** *noun* [uncountable]

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## THESAURUS

- **strict** expecting people to obey rules or to do what you say – used especially about parents, teachers, or organizations: Our teachers were very strict. | Most schools are quite strict about the way students dress.
- **firm** showing that you are in control of the situation and will not change your opinion, especially when you are telling someone what to do: You have to be firm with young children. | I'll be firm with him and tell him he can't have any more money.
- **tough** determined that your orders or decisions will be obeyed, especially in order to make sure that a situation improves – used especially when you think that someone is right to be strict: We need a government that is tough on crime. | She can be quite tough with her students, but they respect her for it. | The chancellor has got to be tough and keep government spending down.
- **stern** strict in a serious, disapproving, and rather unfriendly way: Her grandfather was a stern man who rarely smiled. | Sheila walked into the museum, under the stern gaze of the curator.
- **harsh** punishing or criticizing someone in a way that seems very severe, often too severe: Don't be too harsh on her – she's only a child. | It may seem harsh to punish him, but he has to learn that this kind of behaviour is unacceptable. | Her reaction to the child's bad behaviour was unnecessarily harsh.
- **authoritarian** *disapproving* very strict about forcing people to obey rules or laws, and punishing them very severely if they fail to do this – used about people and governments: Her father was very authoritarian and insisted on total obedience. | an authoritarian government

II. **stern**<sup>2</sup> *BrE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *noun* [countable usually singular]

[Date: 1200-1300; Origin: Probably from Old Norse *stjórn* 'steering']

the back of a ship ⇒ **bow**

## stern

Freakuency Pack

12500 **6534**<sup>MCW</sup>

15000 **3997**<sup>COCA</sup>

RANGE: **6k** STERN <sup>5051</sup>

stern <sup>4015</sup>

sterner <sup>252</sup>

sternest <sup>42</sup>

sternness <sup>59</sup>

sternly <sup>683</sup>

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

1158 **12209**<sup>2324</sup> *nn1*

1396 **15371**<sup>1639</sup> *jj*

29 **107028**<sup>52</sup> *np1*