

**ferocious**

[fə'ɹɒʃjəs] *a*

- жестокий, свирепый; дикий  
ferocious animal - свирепое животное  
ferocious look - свирепый вид
- эмоц.-усил.* ужасный  
the sunshine there would be ferocious at this time of year - в это время года солнце там печёт невыносимо  
a ferocious thirst - нестерпимая жажда

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**ferocious** *BrE* [fə'ɹɒʃjəs] *NAme* [fə'rouʃəs] *adjective*

very aggressive or violent; very strong

**Syn:** ↑savage

- a ferocious beast/attack/storm
- a man driven by ferocious determination
- ferocious opposition to the plan

**Derived Word** ↑ferociously

**Word Origin:**

[**ferocious ferociously**] mid 17th cent.: from Latin *ferox*, *feroc-* 'fierce' + -ious.

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[**Date:** 1600-1700; **Language:** Latin; **Origin:** *ferox* 'wild-looking', from *ferus* 'wild']

- violent, dangerous, and frightening **SYN fierce**:
  - a ferocious, hungry lion
  - a ferocious battle
  - The storm grew more and more ferocious with each second.
- very strong, severe, and unpleasant **SYN fierce**:
  - The congressman is one of the President's most ferocious critics.
  - The heat was ferocious.
  - He is famous for his ferocious temper.
- relating to an emotion that is felt very strongly **SYN fierce**:
  - Parker was driven by a ferocious determination to succeed.

—**ferociously** *adverb*

**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** /'vɪʃjəs/ 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** /rʌʃ/ 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: Idi 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'ɹɒʃjəs/ 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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