craven Apresyan (En-Ru) **1.** ['kreıv(ə)n]*n* трус, малодушный человек **2.** ['kreıv(ə)n] *a* трусливый, малодушный ◊ to cry craven - сдаться, признать себя побеждённым; струсить; спасовать **3.** ['kreɪv(ə)n] *v apx*. запугивать, внушать боязнь, робость Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed. craven NAmE ['kreɪvn] cra-ven BrE ['kreɪvn] adjective (formal, disapproving) lacking courage Syn: †cowardly, Opp: †brave Derived Word †cravenly Word Origin: [craven cravenly] Middle English cravant 'defeated', perhaps via Anglo-Norman French from Old French cravante, past participle of cravanter 'crush, overwhelm', based on Latin crepare 'burst'. The change in the ending in the 17th cent. was due to association with past participles ending in -en (see 1-en). Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En) craven cra ven /'kreɪvən/ BrE * AmE * adjective [Date: 1100-1200; Origin: Perhaps from Old French crevant, present participle of crever 'to burst, break'] formal completely lacking courage SYN cowardly: He had a craven fear of flying. —cravenly adverb Freakuency Pack craven ₁₂₅₀₀9649^{MCW} 15000 13895 COCA RANGE: 8k CRAVEN 438 craven 418 cravenness 0 cravenly 20 COCA 500k Unlemmatized 114**53746**195 np1 ₁₄₆**60088**¹⁵⁷ jj ₅₂**94230**⁶⁶ nn1