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adj.

1. Unsociable or shy and socially awkward: "A *farouche* figure and a bachelor ... [he] had lived all of his life with his mother in the family home" (*Frances FitzGerald*).
2. Disorderly or intimidating in appearance or behavior; wild: "I badly needed a guide ... what I required was the most *farouche*-looking guy ... and the toughest modern automobile" ([Christopher Hitchens](#)).
3. Outrageous or extreme: "The President's strategists do not want him to lend more than rhetorical support to *farouche* new-right causes" (*New York Times*).

[French, from Old French *farouche*, alteration of *forasche*, from Late Latin *forāsticus*, belonging outside, from Latin *forās*, out of doors; see [FOREIGN](#).]

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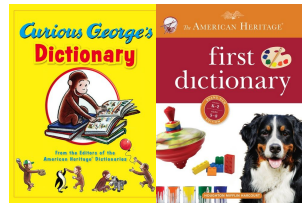
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