

**brink**[brɪŋk] *n*1) край (*обрыва, пропасти*)2) берег (*обыкн. обрывистый, крутой*)

3) край, грань

on the brink of ... - на краю ..., на грани ...

to be on the brink of ruin - быть на грани разорения

to be on the brink of death - быть на краю могилы

to be on the brink of tears - чуть не заплакать

4) непосредственная угроза войны

to draw back from the brink - устранить непосредственную опасность возникновения войны

to be on the brink - быть на грани войны

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**brink** *BrE* [brɪŋk] <sup>m</sup> *NAmE* [brɪŋk] <sup>m</sup> *noun singular*1. **the ~ (of sth)** if you are on the brink of sth, you are almost in a very new, dangerous or exciting situation• on the **brink of collapse/war/death/disaster**

• Scientists are on the brink of making a major new discovery.

• He's pulled the company **back from the brink** (= he has saved it from disaster) .• **teetering/poised/hovering** on the **brink**2. (*literary*) the extreme edge of land, for example at the top of a <sup>↑</sup>cliff or by a river

• the brink of the precipice

**see** teeter on the brink/edge of sth **at** <sup>↑</sup> **eeter**Word Origin:[**brink**] Middle English: of Scandinavian origin.Example Bank:

• animals hovering on the very brink of extinction

• the brink of bankruptcy/death/war

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**brink** /brɪŋk/ *BrE* <sup>m</sup> *AmE* <sup>m</sup> *noun*[*Date:* 1200-1300; *Language:* Old Norse; *Origin:* brekka '*slope*']1. **the brink (of something)** a situation when you are almost in a new situation, usually a bad one**on the brink of death/disaster/war etc**

" In October 1962 the world seemed on the brink of nuclear war.

" The company had huge debts and was on the brink of collapse.

**to the brink (of something)**

" managers who have taken their companies to the brink of disaster

**back from the brink (of something)**

" He will go down in history as the leader who pulled us back from the brink (=saved us from disaster).

2. **push/tip somebody over the brink** to make someone start doing crazy or extreme things3. **the brink of something** *literary* the edge of a very high place such as a cliff**brink**

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