

threshold['θreʃ(h)əvld] *n*

1. 1) порог
to stop on the threshold - остановиться на пороге /в дверях/
to cross the threshold - переступить порог
- 2) преддверие, канун, заря, начало
on the threshold of life [of a revolution] - на пороге жизни [революции]
to be on the threshold of war - быть на грани войны
to be on the threshold of a discovery - быть накануне открытия
2. 1) *слец.* порог, пороговая величина; предел
threshold of sensitivity, sensitivity threshold - порог чувствительности
threshold of audibility /of hearing/ - порог слышимости
threshold of consciousness - порог сознания
above[below] the threshold - выше [ниже] порога /пороговой величины/
- 2) *психол.* порог (сознания)
3. *тех.* порог (плотины и т. п.)
4. *ав.* критический уровень

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

thresh-old [threshold thresholds] *BrE* ['θreʃhəvld] ^m *NAmE* ['θreʃhoʊld] ^e **noun**

1. the floor or ground at the bottom of a [↑]doorway, considered as the entrance to a building or room
 - She stood hesitating on the threshold.
 - He stepped across the threshold.
2. the level at which sth starts to happen or have an effect
 - He has a low **boredom threshold** (= he gets bored easily) .
 - I have a high **pain threshold** (= I can suffer a lot of pain before I start to react) .
 - My earnings are just above the **tax threshold** (= more than the amount at which you start paying tax) .
3. **usually singular** the point just before a new situation, period of life, etc. begins
 - She felt as though she was **on the threshold of** a new life.

Word Origin:

Old English therscold, threscold; related to German dialect **Drischaufel**; the first element is related to [↑]**thresh** (in a Germanic sense '**tread**'), but the origin of the second element is unknown.

Example Bank:

- He has an extremely low pain threshold.
- He hesitated before stepping across the threshold.
- Her wages are below the income tax threshold.
- She stood on the threshold, unsure whether to enter.
- The number of people with the disease is reaching a critical threshold.
- They earn wages below the decency threshold set by the EU.

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thresh-old /'θreʃhəvld, -ʃəvld \$ -oʊld/ *BrE* ^e *AmE* ^e **noun** [countable]

[Language: Old English; Origin: threscwald]

1. the entrance to a room or building, or the area of floor or ground at the entrance:
 - She opened the door and stepped across the threshold.
2. the level at which something starts to happen or have an effect:
 - Eighty percent of the vote was the threshold for approval of the plan.

a high/low pain/boredom etc threshold (=the ability or inability to suffer a lot of pain or boredom before you react to it)
3. at the beginning of a new and important event or development **SYN** **brink**
be on the threshold of something
 - The creature is on the threshold of extinction.
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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 2)■ **ADJECTIVES/NOUN + threshold**

- **sb's pain threshold** (=your ability or inability to deal with pain) 'Will it hurt?' 'That all depends on your pain threshold.'
- **sb's boredom threshold** (=whether you do or do not get bored easily) She loves challenges and admits she has a low boredom threshold.
- **a tax threshold** The Conservatives promised to help the lower paid by increasing the tax threshold.
- **a high threshold** Professional football players have a pretty high pain threshold.
- **a low threshold** I know that young children have very low boredom threshold.

■ **verbs**

- **exceed a threshold** The value of many family homes far exceeds the inheritance tax threshold.
- **lower a threshold** the demand to lower the retirement threshold to 60
- **raise a threshold** They should raise the threshold to at least £245 a week.
- **cross the threshold** Such a person has sufficiently crossed the threshold of criminality to justify punishment.

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