



threshold

Definition

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Phr

threshold noun

thresh·old 'thresh-,hōld 'thre-,shōld[Synonyms of *threshold*](#) >

1 : the [plank](#), stone, or piece of timber that lies under a door : [SILL](#)

2 a : [GATE](#), [DOOR](#)

b (1) : [END](#), [BOUNDARY](#)

specifically : the end of a runway

(2) : the place or point of entering or beginning : [OUTSET](#)

on the *threshold* of a new age

3 a : the point at which a [physiological](#) or [psychological](#) effect begins to be produced
has a high *threshold* for pain

b : a level, point, or value above which something is true or will take place and below
which it is not or will not



Whenever you leave your home, walk from one room to another, or enter a building, you are crossing a threshold—that is, the horizontal floor piece that you cross over whenever you move through a doorway. But the earliest uses of *threshold* refer to a different type of boundary: an Old English translation of