

threshold /'θrɛʃ,hoʊld/  **noun**

plural **thresholds**

Britannica Dictionary definition of THRESHOLD

[count]

1 : a piece of wood, metal, or stone that forms the bottom of a door and that you walk over as you enter a room or building

- He stepped across the *threshold*.
- When they were married he **carried her over the threshold**. [=he picked her up and carried her into their home when they entered it together for the first time]

2 : the point or level at which something begins or changes

- If your income rises above a certain *threshold*, your tax rate also rises.
- sounds that are above/below the *threshold* of hearing
[=sounds that are too high/low to be heard]
- I have a low *threshold* for boredom. [=I get bored easily]
- He has a high **pain threshold**. [=he does not feel pain as easily as other people]

on/at the threshold

: at the beginning of something or very close to something (such as a new condition, an important discovery, etc.) — usually + *of*

- young people *on the threshold of* adulthood
- We are (standing) *at the threshold of* a great adventure.

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