

**crucible**['kru:səb(ə)] *n*

1. *метал.* плавильный тигель  
crucible steel - тигельная сталь
2. суровое испытание

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**crucible** [crucible crucibles] *BrE* ['kruːsɪbəl] *NAmE* ['kruːsɪbəl] *noun*

1. a pot in which substances are heated to high temperatures, metals are melted, etc.
2. (*formal* or *literary*) a place or situation in which people or ideas are tested severely, often creating sth new or exciting in the process
  - an alliance forged in the crucible of war
  - The Lake District in 1800 was the crucible of the new Romantic movement in English poetry.

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from medieval Latin **crucibulum** 'night lamp, crucible' (perhaps originally a lamp hanging in front of a crucifix), from Latin **crux**, **cruc-** 'cross'.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

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[Date: 1400-1500; Language: Medieval Latin; Origin: crucibulum, from Old French croiseul]

a container in which substances are heated to very high temperatures

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