

**threat**[θret] *n*

- угроза  
idle threat - пустая угроза  
threats and counterthreats - взаимные угрозы  
threat of a veto - угроза вето  
to use /to utter/ threats (against smb.) - угрожать (кому-л.)  
to answer threats with threats - отвечать угрозой на угрозу  
to carry out a threat - привести угрозу в исполнение
- грозное предзнаменование; опасность  
threat of war [of famine] - угроза /опасности/ войны [голода]  
there's a threat of a storm - надвигается /собирается/ буря  
to pose a threat to the cause of peace - представлять угрозу для дела мира  
poverty and disease are threats to society - нищета и болезни угрожают существованию общества  
a still greater threat faces mankind - человечеству угрожает ещё большая опасность

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**threat** [threat threats] *BrE* [θret] <sup>Ⓜ</sup> *NAme* [θret] <sup>Ⓜ</sup> *noun*

- countable, uncountable** ~ (to do sth) a statement in which you tell sb that you will punish or harm them, especially if they do not do what you want
  - to make threats against sb
  - She is prepared to **carry out her threat** to resign.
  - He received **death threats** from right-wing groups.
  - crimes involving violence or the threat of violence
- uncountable, countable, usually singular** the possibility of trouble, danger or disaster
  - These ancient woodlands are **under threat** from new road developments.
  - There is a real threat of war.
  - The forecast is for rain with the threat of thunderstorms.
- countable, usually singular** ~ (to sth) a person or thing that is likely to cause trouble, danger, etc
  - He is unlikely to be a threat to the Spanish player in the final.
  - Drugs **pose a major threat to** our society.

Word Origin:Old English thrēat 'oppression', of Germanic origin; related to Dutch **verdrieten** 'grieve', German **verdrissen** 'irritate'.Example Bank:

- It's unwise to make threats that you cannot carry out.
- Many wild plants are under threat of extinction.
- Teachers have lifted their threat of strike action.
- The accused made death threats against a notable politician.
- The company's pay offer was accompanied by thinly veiled threats if it was rejected.
- The government refused to give in to the hijackers' threats.
- The government was faced with internal rebellion as well as external threats.
- The junta reacted violently to the perceived threat to its authority.
- The kids took no notice of the teacher's idle threats.
- The national park is under renewed threat from road-building schemes.
- The opposition presents no immediate threat to the government
- Translators do not yet perceive computers as a threat to their livelihood
- a threat of violence
- the environmental threat posed by oil spillages
- the threat from overfishing
- Drug abuse poses a major threat to the fabric of our society.
- He could be a real threat to the Spanish player in the final.
- He is unlikely to be a threat to the public and should be released immediately.

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[Word Family: verb: ↑threaten; noun: ↑threat; adverb: ↑threateningly; adjective: ↑threatening]

[Language: Old English]

- [uncountable and countable]** a statement in which you tell someone that you will cause them harm or trouble if they do not do what you want:
    - Your threats don't scare me.
- threat of**
- the threat of military invasion
- threat from**
- He says his family received phone threats from the group.
  - threats made against his wife and children
  - Nichols never carried out his threat to resign.
  - The government will not give in to terrorist threats.

She dismissed the statement as an **empty threat**.

They warned him with **veiled threats** not to mention anything he had witnessed.

The police are investigating **death threats** made against the two men.

Officials at the school say they received a **bomb threat** at approximately 11:30 a.m. today.

2. [countable usually singular] the possibility that something very bad will happen

**threat of**

the threat of famine

**threat from**

According to the Secretary of State, the Russians face no threat from an expanded NATO.

**under threat**

The area remains under threat from commercial developers.

**be under threat of closure/attack etc (=be likely to be closed, attacked etc)**

The program is under threat of closure due to lack of funding.

3. [countable usually singular] someone or something that is regarded as a possible danger

**threat to**

The fighting is a major threat to stability in the region.

**present/pose a threat (to somebody/something)**

Pollution poses a threat to fish.

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**COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 1)**

■ **verbs**

- **make/issue a threat** Neighbours say that they heard Gardiner make threats against his wife.
- **carry out a threat (=do what you threatened to do)** She ought to have carried out her threat to go to the police.
- **give in to a threat (=do what something wants you to do after they threaten you)** The government is not going to give in to terrorist threats.

■ **ADJECTIVES/NOUN + threat**

- **a death threat (=a threat to kill someone)** Scientists involved in the research have received death threats.
- **a bomb threat** The station was closed because of a bomb threat.
- **an empty/idle threat (=one that is not sincere)** She was not a woman to make idle threats.
- **a veiled threat (=one that is not made directly)** The emails contained thinly veiled threats of harm.

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**COLLOCATIONS (for Meanings 2 & 3)**

■ **ADJECTIVES/NOUN + threat**

- **a serious/major threat** Bad air quality poses a serious threat to public health.
- **the greatest/biggest threat** The greatest threat to our planet is global warming.
- **a real threat** These measures pose a real threat to the future of agriculture.
- **a potential threat** The group remains a potential threat to the regime.
- **an immediate threat (=the possibility that something bad will happen very soon)** The volcano erupted on Thursday but there is no immediate threat to nearby towns.
- **a direct threat** The workers destroyed the textile machinery which they saw as a direct threat to their jobs.
- **a military threat** Each country regarded the other as a major military threat.
- **a terrorist threat** U.S. officials underestimated the terrorist threat before the June 25 bombing.

■ **verbs**

- **pose/present a threat** The rebels do not pose a serious threat to the armed forces.
- **represent a threat** He is not afraid, because you represent no threat to him.
- **counter/combat a threat** We must work together to counter the threat of state terrorism.
- **face a threat (=likely to be affected by something)** The factory is facing the threat of closure.
- **meet a threat (=deal with it)** We must transform our armed forces to meet emerging threats.

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**THESAURUS**

- **risk** the chance that something bad may happen: Smoking greatly increases the risk of lung cancer.
- **threat** the possibility that something very bad will happen: the only way to reduce the threat of nuclear war
- **hazard** something that may be dangerous or cause accidents or problems: natural hazards like avalanches

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