

threaten

[ˈθreɪn] *v*

1. 1) угрожать; грозить
to threaten revenge - угрожать мщением
to threaten smb. with punishment, to threaten to punish smb. - угрожать кому-л. наказанием
to threaten smb. with one's fist [with a whip] - грозить кому-л. кулаком [кнутом]
- 2) (into, out of) угрозами добиться чего-л.
to threaten smb. into (adopting) the project - угрозами добиться от кого-л. одобрения плана
- 3) грозить, грозиться
do you mean to threaten? - уж не вздумали ли вы угрожать мне?
the snake was hissing and threatening - змея угрожающе шипела
- 4) поддаваться угрозам
I don't threaten easily - меня нелегко запугать, я не боюсь угроз; угрозами от меня немногого добьёшься
2. 1) грозить, быть угрозой; представлять собою опасность
the species threatened with extinction - виды, которым грозит (полное) исчезновение; виды, которые находятся под угрозой (полного) исчезновения
a flood threatened the city - городу угрожало наводнение
his **moods** threatened their peaceful life - (постоянная) смена его настроений мешала спокойствию их жизни
a new war threatened - нависла угроза /опасность/ новой войны
- 2) предвещать (беду, опасность)
the clouds threaten rain - тучи предвещают дождь
it threatens to rain - собирается /надвигается/ дождь
the river threatened us with new dangers - река грозила нам новыми опасностями
the situation threatens to become dangerous - налицо угроза опасного развития ситуации; ситуация грозит выйти из-под контроля
the candle threatened to go out - свечка, казалось, вот-вот погаснет

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threat-en [threaten threatens threatened threatening] *BrE* [ˈθreɪn] ⁴ *NAmE*

[ˈθreɪn] ⁴ *verb*

1. **transitive** to say that you will cause trouble, hurt sb, etc. if you do not get what you want
 - ~ **sb** They broke my windows and threatened me.
 - ~ **sb with sth** The attacker threatened them with a gun.
 - He was threatened with dismissal if he continued to turn up late for work.
 - ~ **sth** The threatened strike has been called off.
 - ~ **to do sth** The hijackers threatened to kill one passenger every hour if their demands were not met.
 - ~ **that...** They threatened that passengers would be killed.
 2. **intransitive, transitive** to seem likely to happen or cause sth unpleasant
 - A storm was threatening.
 - When war threatens, people act irrationally.
 - ~ **to do sth** This dispute threatens to split the party.
 - ~ **sth** The clouds threatened rain.
 3. **transitive ~ sth** to be a danger to sth
- Syn:** †endanger, **Syn:** put at risk
- Pollution is threatening marine life.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	threaten
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈθreɪn/
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈθreɪn/
he / she /it	threatens
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈθreɪnz/
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈθreɪnz/
past simple, past participle	threatened
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈθreɪnd/
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈθreɪnd/
-ing form	threatening
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈθreɪnɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈθreɪnɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Old English *threātian* 'urge or induce, especially by using threats', from *threāt* 'oppression', of Germanic origin.

Example Bank:

- I never felt threatened by him.
- Many species are now threatened with extinction.
- Our marriage was constantly threatened by his other women.
- Our way of life is gravely threatened.
- She had repeatedly threatened to commit suicide.
- She threatened him with a gun.
- social unrest which seriously threatens the stability of the whole area
- Did he ever say anything to suggest that he felt threatened, or that his life was in danger?

- Pollution along the coastline is threatening marine life.
- She claimed that the conflict was threatening stability in the region.
- The hijackers threatened to kill the passengers if their demands were not met.
- The union threatened that unless the new rules were withdrawn, they would call a strike.

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

1. **[transitive]** to say that you will cause someone harm or trouble if they do not do what you want:

Postal workers are threatening a strike if they don't receive a pay increase.

threaten to do something

He threatened to take them to court.

threaten somebody with something

Doctors are sometimes threatened with violence if they don't do what patients want.

threaten (that)

Then he became angry and threatened that he would go to the police.

2. **[transitive]** to be likely to harm or destroy something:

Poaching threatens the survival of the rhino.

threaten to do something

The incident threatens to ruin his chances in the election.

be threatened with something

Large areas of the jungle are now threatened with destruction.

3. **[intransitive and transitive]** to be likely to happen or be in a bad situation:

Britain's fishing industry remains threatened.

Dark clouds threatened rain.

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