

plateau

[ˈplæʃtəʊ] *n* (*pl* -*teaux* [-ʃˈplæʃtəʊz], -*teaus* [-ʃˈplæʃtəʊz])

1. 1) *геогр.* плато, плоская возвышенность, плоскогорье
- 2) прочное, высокое положение
- 3) *мат.* горизонтальный участок (*кривой*); отсутствие роста, стабилизация
2. *уст.*
- 1) срединник (*украшение для обеденного стола*); декоративное блюдо
- 2) плоская брошь
3. дамская шляпка с плоской тульёй

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plat-eau [ˈplateɪ ˈplateɪz ˈplateɪz] *noun, verb* *BrE* [ˈplætəʊ] ¹ *NAmE* [plæˈtəʊ]

noun (*pl.* **plat-eaux** or **plat-eaus** *BrE* [ˈplætəʊz] ¹ ; *NAmE* [plæˈtəʊz] ¹)

1. an area of flat land that is higher than the land around it



2. a time of little or no change after a period of growth or progress
 - Inflation has reached a plateau.

Word Origin:

late 18th cent.: from French, from Old French **platel**, diminutive of **plat** 'level' .

Example Bank:

- The children's standard of reading seems to have reached a plateau.
- The summit is a windswept plateau of scattered rocks.
- From a narrow fringe of coastal plain, the main island rises to a central plateau.

verb intransitive ~ (out)

to stay at a steady level after a period of growth or progress

- Unemployment has at last plateaued out.
- Prices have pretty much plateaued for now.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	plateau
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈplætəʊ /
	<i>NAmE</i> /plæt-/
he / she / it	plateaus
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈplætəʊz /
	<i>NAmE</i> /plæˈtəʊz /
past simple, past participle	plateaued
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈplætəʊd /
	<i>NAmE</i> /plæˈtəʊd /
-ing form	plateauing
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈplætəʊɪŋ /
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I. **plat-eau** ¹ /ˈplætəʊ \$ plæˈtəʊ/ *BrE* ¹ *AmE* ¹ *noun* (*plural* **plateaus** or **plateaux** /-təʊz \$ -təʊz/) [**countable**]

[**Date:** 1700-1800; **Language:** French; **Origin:** Old French **platel** 'flat piece of metal', from **plat**; ⇨ ↑**plate**¹]

1. a large area of flat land that is higher than the land around it
2. a period during which the level of something does not change, especially after a period when it was increasing:
 - Inflation rates have reached a plateau.

II. **plateau** ² *BrE* ² *AmE* ² *verb* [**intransitive**]

if something plateaus, it reaches and then stays at a particular level:

- The athletic footwear market has not yet plateaued.

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