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Absolute Threshold

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Synonyms

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Definition

The absolute threshold is the smallest amount of stimulus energy necessary to produce a sensation

of the stimulus. The idea that a mental event has to exceed some critical amount is central to the concept of a sensory threshold. The absolute threshold refers to the measurement of that critical amount.

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References and Readings

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