

Need another word that means the same as "dilemma"? Find 9 synonyms and 30 related words for "dilemma" in this overview.

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The synonyms of "Dilemma" are: quandary, predicament, difficulty, problem, puzzle, conundrum, plight, mess, muddle

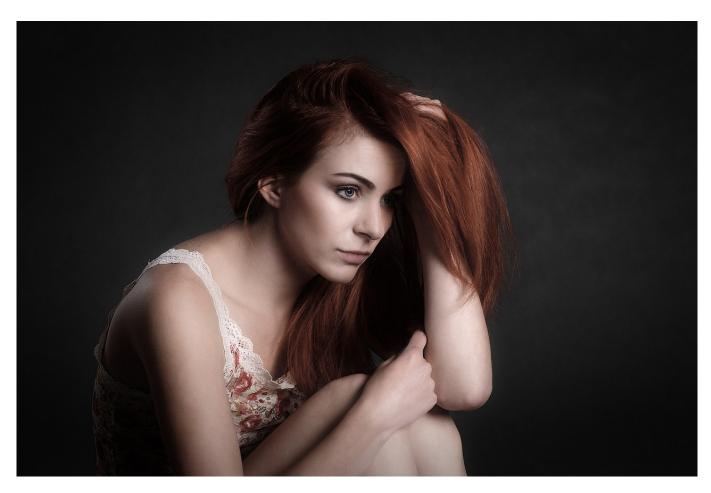
#### Dilemma as a Noun

#### Definitions of "Dilemma" as a noun

According to the Oxford Dictionary of English, "dilemma" as a noun can have the following definitions:

- A difficult situation or problem.
- State of uncertainty or perplexity especially as requiring a choice between equally unfavorable options.
- An argument forcing an opponent to choose either of two unfavourable alternatives.
- A situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two or more alternatives, especially ones that are equally undesirable.





## Synonyms of "Dilemma" as a noun (9 Words)

**conundrum** A confusing and difficult problem or question.

One of the most difficult **conundrum**s for the experts.

A condition or state of affairs almost beyond one's ability to deal with and

**difficulty** requiring great effort to bear or overcome.

There is a practical **difficulty**.

**mess** A meal eaten in a mess hall by service personnel.

She made a **mess** of the kitchen.

muddle Informal terms for a difficult situation.

A bureaucratic **muddle**.

A dangerous, difficult, or otherwise unfortunate situation.

**plight** We must direct our efforts towards relieving the **plight** of children living in

poverty.



(in Aristotelian logic) each of the ten 'categories', often listed as: substance

predicament or being, quantity, quality, relation, place, time, posture, having or

possession, action, and passion.

Finds himself in a most awkward **predicament**.

**problem** A thing that is difficult to achieve.

Motivation of staff can also be a **problem**.

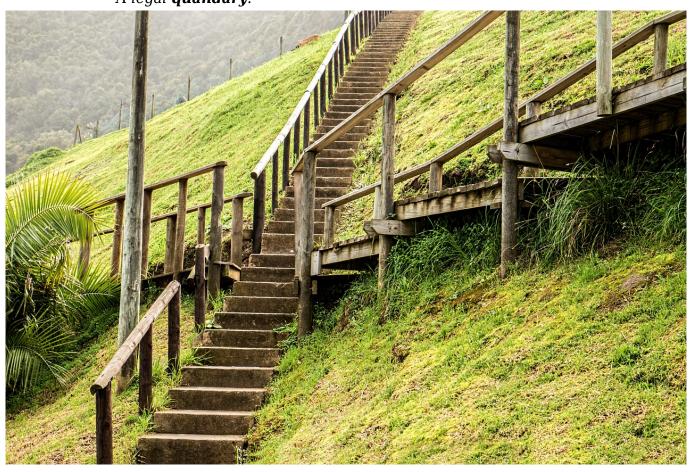
A jigsaw puzzle.

Those who solve this **puzzle** in the shortest time are eligible for awards.

State of uncertainty or perplexity especially as requiring a choice between

**quandary** equally unfavorable options.

A legal **quandary**.



### Usage Examples of "Dilemma" as a noun

- He wants to make money, but he also disapproves of it: Den's dilemma in a nutshell.
- The insoluble dilemma of adolescence.





# Associations of "Dilemma" (30 Words)

A difficult or unpleasant situation.

Debt ridden farmers struggling with **adversity**.

. Cause to agonize.

agonize

I didn t agonize over the problem.

ail Be ill or unwell.

Exercise is good for whatever ails one.

**challenge**Issue a challenge to.

A **challenge** to the legality of the banning order.

A circumstance that complicates something; a difficulty.

To add further **complication** English speakers use a different name.

difficult (of a person) not easy to please or satisfy; awkward.

The questions are too **difficult** for the children.



A condition or state of affairs almost beyond one's ability to deal with and

difficulty requiring great effort to bear or overcome.

They agreed about the **difficulty** of the climb.

Disturb in mind or make uneasy or cause to be worried or alarmed. disquiet

Public **disquiet** about animal testing.

Bring into difficulties or distress especially financial hardship. distress

They said the baby was in **distress**.

Severe suffering or privation. hardship

The many **hardship**s of frontier life.

A situation in which no progress can be made or no advancement is

<u>impasse</u> possible.

The current political **impasse**.

To cause inconvenience or discomfort to. inconvenience

*Noise and fumes from traffic would inconvenience residents.* 

Extremely difficult or complex. knotty

Panelling in **knotty** pine.

A bothersome annoying person. nuisance

I hope you re not going to make a **nuisance** of yourself.

Throw into great confusion or disorder. perturb

The orbits of these stars were **perturb**ed by the passings of a comet.

A situation from which extrication is difficult especially an unpleasant or

trying one. <u>plight</u>

The woeful **plight** of homeless people.

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substance or being, quantity, quality, relation, place, time, posture, having predicament

or possession, action, and passion. The club s financial **predicament**.

An inquiry starting from given conditions to investigate or demonstrate a

problem fact, result, or law.

Our homework consisted of ten **problem**s to solve.

Making great mental demands; hard to comprehend or solve or believe. problematic

The **problematic**s of artificial intelligence.

Filled with bewilderment. **puzzled** 

She looked **puzzled** and angry with him.

State of uncertainty or perplexity especially as requiring a choice between

equally unfavorable options. quandary

A legal **quandary**.



Subject to question. **questionable** 

A fire of questionable origin.

Subject to a stalemate. **stalemate** 

The war had again reached **stalemate**.

Psychological suffering. suffering

His disregard for the **suffering**s of his fellow countrymen.

In a confused mass. tangled

Oh what a **tangled** web we weave.

Marked by repeated turns and bends. tortuous

**Tortuous** negotiations lasting for months.

Physically toughened.

tough We have six **tough** matches in a row.

Take the trouble to do something concern oneself.

trouble Heart **trouble**.

unaccustomed Not familiar or usual; out of the ordinary.

A new budget of **unaccustomed** austerity.

The act of upsetting something. upset

The greatest **upset** in boxing history.



