

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)

<u>conundrum</u>	A confusing and difficult problem or question. <i>One of the most difficult conundrums for the experts.</i>
difficulty	A condition or state of affairs almost beyond one's ability to deal with and requiring great effort to bear or overcome. <i>There is a practical difficulty.</i>
mess	A meal eaten in a mess hall by service personnel. <i>She made a mess of the kitchen.</i>
muddle	Informal terms for a difficult situation. <i>A bureaucratic muddle.</i>
<u>plight</u>	A dangerous, difficult, or otherwise unfortunate situation. <i>We must direct our efforts towards relieving the plight of children living in poverty.</i>

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

puzzle A jigsaw puzzle.

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

quandary State of uncertainty or perplexity especially as requiring a choice between 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)

adversity

A difficult or unpleasant situation.

*Debt ridden farmers struggling with **adversity**.*

agonize

Cause to 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.*

complication

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.*

difficulty	A condition or state of affairs almost beyond one's ability to deal with and requiring great effort to bear or overcome. <i>They agreed about the difficulty of the climb.</i>
disquiet	Disturb in mind or make uneasy or cause to be worried or alarmed. <i>Public disquiet about animal testing.</i>
distress	Bring into difficulties or distress especially financial hardship. <i>They said the baby was in distress.</i>
hardship	Severe suffering or privation. <i>The many hardships of frontier life.</i>
<u>impasse</u>	A situation in which no progress can be made or no advancement is possible. <i>The current political impasse.</i>
inconvenience	To cause inconvenience or discomfort to. <i>Noise and fumes from traffic would inconvenience residents.</i>
knotty	Extremely difficult or complex. <i>Panelling in knotty pine.</i>
nuisance	A bothersome annoying person. <i>I hope you re not going to make a nuisance of yourself.</i>
perturb	Throw into great confusion or disorder. <i>The orbits of these stars were perturbed by the passings of a comet.</i>
<u>plight</u>	A situation from which extrication is difficult especially an unpleasant or trying one. <i>The woeful plight of homeless people.</i>
predicament	(in Aristotelian logic) each of the ten 'categories', often listed as: substance or being, quantity, quality, relation, place, time, posture, having or possession, action, and passion. <i>The club s financial predicament.</i>
problem	An inquiry starting from given conditions to investigate or demonstrate a fact, result, or law. <i>Our homework consisted of ten problems to solve.</i>
problematic	Making great mental demands; hard to comprehend or solve or believe. <i>The problematics of artificial intelligence.</i>
<u>puzzled</u>	Filled with bewilderment. <i>She looked puzzled and angry with him.</i>
<u>quandary</u>	State of uncertainty or perplexity especially as requiring a choice between equally unfavorable options. <i>A legal quandary.</i>

<u>questionable</u>	Subject to question. <i>A fire of questionable origin.</i>
<u>stalemate</u>	Subject to a stalemate. <i>The war had again reached stalemate.</i>
suffering	Psychological suffering. <i>His disregard for the sufferings of his fellow countrymen.</i>
<u>tangled</u>	In a confused mass. <i>Oh what a tangled web we weave.</i>
<u>tortuous</u>	Marked by repeated turns and bends. <i>Tortuous negotiations lasting for months.</i>
<u>tough</u>	Physically toughened. <i>We have six tough matches in a row.</i>
trouble	Take the trouble to do something concern oneself. <i>Heart trouble.</i>
unaccustomed	Not familiar or usual; out of the ordinary. <i>A new budget of unaccustomed austerity.</i>
upset	The act of upsetting something. <i>The greatest upset in boxing history.</i>

