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.

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

## conundrum

A confusing and difficult problem or question. One of the most difficult conundrums for the experts.
A condition or state of affairs almost beyond one's ability to deal with and

## difficulty

mess
muddle
plight requiring great effort to bear or overcome. There is a practical difficulty.
A meal eaten in a mess hall by service personnel.
She made a mess of the kitchen.
Informal terms for a difficult situation.
A bureaucratic muddle.
A dangerous, difficult, or otherwise unfortunate situation.
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.
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.
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)

adversity
agonize

## ail

challenge
complication
difficult

A difficult or unpleasant situation.
Debt ridden farmers struggling with adversity.
Cause to agonize.
I didn t agonize over the problem.
Be ill or unwell.
Exercise is good for whatever ails one.
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.
(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. |
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| disquiet | Disturb in mind or make uneasy or cause to be worried or alarmed. Public disquiet about animal testing. |
| distress | Bring into difficulties or distress especially financial hardship. They said the baby was in distress. |
| hardship | Severe suffering or privation. The many hardships of frontier life. |
| impasse | A situation in which no progress can be made or no advancement is possible. <br> The current political impasse. |
| inconvenience | To cause inconvenience or discomfort to. Noise and fumes from traffic would inconvenience residents. |
| knotty | Extremely difficult or complex. Panelling in knotty pine. |
| nuisance | A bothersome annoying person. I hope you re not going to make a nuisance of yourself. |
| perturb | Throw into great confusion or disorder. The orbits of these stars were perturbed by the passings of a comet. |
| plight | A situation from which extrication is difficult especially an unpleasant or trying one. <br> The woeful plight of homeless people. |
| 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. The club s financial predicament. |
| problem | An inquiry starting from given conditions to investigate or demonstrate a fact, result, or law. <br> Our homework consisted of ten problems to solve. |
| problematic | Making great mental demands; hard to comprehend or solve or believe. The problematics of artificial intelligence. |
| puzzled | Filled with bewilderment. She looked puzzled and angry with him. |
| quandary | State of uncertainty or perplexity especially as requiring a choice between equally unfavorable options. <br> A legal quandary. |


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



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