

**dilemma**[d(a)ɪˈlemə] *n*1. дилемма (*тж. лог.*); необходимость выбора

on the horns of a dilemma - перед необходимостью выбора

to be (put) in(to) a dilemma, to face a dilemma - стоять перед дилеммой [*см. тж. 2*]

to place smb. in a dilemma - поставить кого-л. перед дилеммой

2. затруднительное или безвыходное положение

to be in a dilemma - быть в трудном положении; ≅ быть между молотом и наковальней [*см. тж. 1*]**dilemma**

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**di-lemma** [ˈdɪlemə ˈdɪleməs] *BrE* [dɪˈlemə] <sup>ˈ</sup> *NAmE* [dɪˈlemə] <sup>ˈ</sup> *BrE*[daɪˈlemə] <sup>ˈ</sup> *NAmE* [daɪˈlemə] <sup>ˈ</sup> *noun*

a situation which makes problems, often one in which you have to make a very difficult choice between things of equal importance

**Syn:** ↑predicament

• to face a dilemma

• to be in a dilemma

**see** on the horns of a dilemma **at** ↑hornWord Origin:early 16th cent. (denoting a form of argument involving a choice between equally unfavourable alternatives): via Latin from Greek *dilēmma*, from *di-* 'twice' + *lēmma* 'premise'.Example Bank:

- I could see no way of resolving this moral dilemma.
- I couldn't see any way out of the dilemma.
- She faced a dilemma about whether to accept the offer or not.
- The dilemma facing the country's allies was even more serious.
- The dilemma over human cloning lies at the heart of the ethical choices facing society.
- The fundamental dilemma remains: in a tolerant society, should we tolerate intolerance?
- The minister is now in an impossible dilemma.
- They were caught in a real dilemma.
- This poses a difficult dilemma for teachers.
- the dilemma that arises when a doctor has to decide whether or not to prescribe an expensive treatment
- the perennial dilemma between getting on at work and fulfilling family commitments
- the perennial dilemma between work and family commitments
- The dire economic situation had placed the prime minister on the horns of a dilemma.

**dilemma**

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**di-lem-ma** /dəˈlemə, dɪˈlemə, daɪ-/ *BrE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *noun* [countable][**Date:** 1500-1600; **Language:** Greek; **Origin:** 'double statement', from lemma 'statement']

a situation in which it is very difficult to decide what to do, because all the choices seem equally good or equally bad:

▪ a moral dilemma

**in a dilemma**

▪ I'm in a dilemma about this job offer.

▪ This placed Robert Kennedy in a dilemma.

▪ Many women are faced with the dilemma of choosing between work and family commitments.

⇒ **be on the horns of a dilemma** at ↑horn<sup>1</sup>(6)

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**COLLOCATIONS**■ **verbs**

- **be in a dilemma** After years of recession, the company was in a dilemma over its future.
- **face a dilemma / be faced with a dilemma** Women may still be faced with the dilemma of choosing between jobs and families.
- **pose/create a dilemma** The difficult economic situation poses a dilemma for investors.
- **put/place somebody in a dilemma** His divided loyalties placed him in a dilemma.
- **resolve/solve a dilemma** People often need help with resolving their dilemmas.
- **explain your dilemma** (=talk about it) He explained his dilemma to me.

■ **adjectives**

- **a difficult/serious dilemma** He was in a serious dilemma because neither option seemed very desirable.
- **a terrible dilemma** She was in a terrible dilemma because she loved both men.
- **a moral/ethical/political etc dilemma** Doctors face a moral dilemma over how long to prolong someone's life.
- **a personal dilemma** The men who were on strike faced a personal dilemma over whether to return to work.
- **a painful dilemma** (=a very difficult one) She faced the painful dilemma of having to decide whether to tell the police about her son's crimes.
- **a common/familiar dilemma** (=one that a lot of people have) Deciding whether to put an elderly parent in a nursing home is a common dilemma.
- **the central dilemma** (=the main one) The Prime Minister's central dilemma was whether war was justified.

■ **phrases**

- **a way out of a dilemma** (=a way to solve it) There seemed to be no way out of the dilemma.
- **a solution to a dilemma** (=a way to solve it) One possible solution to the dilemma may be to divide the money equally between the brothers.

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