# situation

# [/sit∫v′ei∫(ə)n] *n*

ice situation - метеор. ледовая обстановка

price situation - эк. уровень цен

the situation at the front - положение на фронте

situation map - *воен*. карта обстановки

let me know how the situation stands - дайте мне знать, как обстоят дела

### 2) состояние, положение

(to be) in an awkward [in a dangerous] situation - (находиться) в неловком [в опасном] положении

to barge /to plunge/ into an unpleasant situation - раза. влипнуть в неприятную историю

### 3) лит. момент, сцена; ситуация

dramatic [tense, strong] situation - драматический [наряжённый, острый] момент the drama [the nove]] is full of exciting [thrilling] situations - драма [роман] изобилует захватывающими [волнующими] эпизодами /сценами/

### 2. 1) место, служба, работа

the situation of a servant [of a stenographer] - место слуги [стенографистки] to find a situation - найти место /работу, службу/; устроиться на место /на работу, на службу/ in one's former situation - на месте прежней службы /работы/

### 2) социальное положение

(one's) subordinate situation - (чьё-л.) подчинённое /зависимое/ положение

### 3. местность

the farm stands in a fine situation - ферма расположена в прекрасной местности the place [the resort] is unrivalled for its situation - место [курорт] славится природными условиями a pleasant [a remote] situation - приятное [заброшенное /удалённое/] место

### 4. местоположение, расположение

the situation of a house [of a city] - местоположение дома [города] commanding [insular] situation - господствующее [островное] положение

5. разг. одно из трёх первых мест (на скачках)

### situation

# situ·ation [situation situations] BrE [,sɪtʃu'eɪʃn] *NAmE* [,sɪtʃu'eɪʃn] noun

- **1.** all the circumstances and things that are happening at a particular time and in a particular place
- to be in a difficult situation
- You could get into a situation where you have to decide immediately.
- We have all been in similar embarrassing situations.
- the present economic/financial/political, etc. situation
- He could see no way out of the situation.
- In your situation, I would look for another job.
- What we have here is a crisis situation.
- I'm in a no-win situation (= whateverI do will be bad for me) .
- 2. (formal) the kind of area or surroundings that a building or town has
- The town is in a delightful situation in a wide green valley.
- 3. (old-fashioned or formal) a job
- Situations Vacant (= the title of the section in a newspaper where jobs are advertised)

see save the day/situation at  $f_{save_v}$ 

# Derived Word <sup>†</sup>situational

# Word Origin:

late Middle English (in sense 2): from French, or from medieval Latin situatio(n-), from situare 'to place' (see <sup>†</sup>situate). Sense 1 dates from the early 18th cent.

### Thesaurus:

#### situation noun C

- Consider the current economic situation.
- state of affairs position conditions circumstance the case |informal, especially spoken things
  - in (a) particular situation/state of affairs/position/conditions/circumstances

### the general /current/present/real situation/state of affairs/position/conditions/circumstances

describe/explain (the) situation/state of affairs/position/circumstances/things

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# Synonyms:

# situation

circumstances  $\mbox{ \bullet }$  position  $\mbox{ \bullet }$  conditions  $\mbox{ \bullet }$  things  $\mbox{ \bullet }$  the case  $\mbox{ \bullet }$  state of affairs

These are all words for the conditions and facts that are connected with and affect the way things are.

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

situation • all the things that are happening at a particular time and in a particular place: • the present economic situation circumstances • the facts that are connected with and affect a situation, an event or an action; the conditions of a person's life, especially the money they have • The ship sank in mysterious circumstances.

position • the situation that sb is in, especially when it affects what they can and cannot do: - She felt she was in a position of power.

conditions • the circumstances in which people live, work or do things; the physical situation that affects how sth happens: • We were forced to work outside in freezing conditions.

#### circumstances or conditions?

**Circumstances** refers to sb's financial situation; **conditions** are things such as the quality and amount of food or shelter they have. The **circumstances** that affect an event are the facts surrounding it; the **conditions** that affect it are usually physical ones, such as the weather.

things • (rather informal) the general situation, as it affects sb: = Hi, Jane! = How are things?  $\diamond$ = Think things over before you decide.

the case • the true situation: • If that is the case • (= if the situation described is true) •, we need more staff.

state of affairs • a situation: • How did this unhappy state of affairs come about?

### situation or state of affairs?

**State of affairs** is mostly used with this. It is also used with adjectives describing how good or bad a situation is, such as happy, sorry, shocking, sad and unhappy, as well as those relating to time, such as present and current. **Situation** is much more frequent and is used in a wider variety of contexts.

in (a) particular situation/circumstances/position/state of affairs the/sb's economic/financial/social situation/circumstances/position/conditions (a/an) happy/unhappy situation/circumstances/position/state of affairs to look at/review the situation/circumstances/conditions/things

#### Example Bank:

- Given the gravity of the situation, I'm not surprised she's panicking.
- He saw she was confused and he took full advantage of the situation.
- I always seem to get into sticky situations on holiday.
- I found myself in rather an awkward situation.
- I was in trouble and I could see no way out of the situation.
- Interfering now would only exacerbate the situation.
- She found it difficult to take in the situation.
- She tried her best to salvage the situation.
- She was forced to confront the reality of the situation.
- The peacekeepers are trained to defuse potentially explosive situations.
- The situation is deteriorating rapidly.
- The situation requires immediate action.
- We were placed in a hopeless situation.
- We will deal with that if the situation arises.
- What would the Republicans be doing if the situation were reversed?
- · What would you do in this situation?
- You can adapt your knowledge to fit your particular situation.
- · learning strategies to cope with difficult situations
- located in a beautiful situation
- the international political situation
- I'm in a no-win situation.
- The town is in a beautiful situation in a wide green valley.
- We couldn't have asked for a more perfect situation.
- You need to consider the present economic situation.

### situation

### situation S1 W1 /,sɪtʃu'eɪʃən/ BrE AmE noun [countable]

**1**. a combination of all the things that are happening and all the conditions that exist at a particular time in a particular place: I explained the situation to everyone.

#### in a ... situation

- She coped well in a very difficult situation.
- 2. the type of area where a building is situated used especially by people who sell or advertise buildings SYN location :
  - The house is in a charming situation, on a wooded hillside.
- 3. old-fashioned a job:
  - She managed to get a situation as a parlour maid.
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# COLLOCATIONS

#### verbs

- create a situation (=cause it to happen) Tom's arrival created an awkward situation.
- assess review a situation Ballater was trying to assess the situation objectively.
- monitor a situation (=watch to see how it develops) The bank is monitoring the situation closely.
- deal with a situation He had no idea how to deal with the situation.
- improve/remedy a situation They are doing what they can to improve the situation.
- defuse the situation (=make people less angry) She'd just been trying to calm Gerry down and defuse the situation.

Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

- a situation arises formal (=it happens) This situation has arisen as a result of a serious staff shortage.
- a situation comes about (=it happens) I don't know how this situation has come about.
- a situation changes The situation could change very rapidly.
- a situation improves The situation has improved over the last decade.
- a situation worsens/deteriorates/gets worse Reports from the area suggest the situation has worsened.

### ADJECTIVES/NOUN + situation

- difficult/tricky This book will show you how to deal with difficult situations.
- impossible (=very difficult) I was in an impossible situation.
- dangerous The situation was becoming increasingly dangerous.
- the present/current situation The present situation in Afghanistan is very worrying.
- the economic/political situation The country's economic situation continued to deteriorate.
- the security situation (=how safe a place is) Until the security situation improves, it is far too dangerous for staff to work there.
- sb's financial situation (=how much money someone has) What is your current financial situation?
- a social situation (=a situation in which someone is with other people) He felt uncomfortable in social situations.
- a work situation (=a situation at work) These problems often arise in work situations.
- a no-win situation (=one in which there will be a bad result whatever happens) It's a no-win situation.

• a win-win situation (=one in which everyone gets what they want) Shorter work weeks are a win-win situation for both the employee and employer.

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