

impasse[æm'pɑ:s] *n* *фр.*

1. тупик
2. безвыходное положение, тупик
to be in an impasse - находиться /оказаться/ в тупике
3. *горн.* глухая выработка

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im **pas**se [impasse **im**passes] *BrE* ['æmpɑs] *AmE* ['Impæs] *noun*

usually singular

a difficult situation in which no progress can be made because the people involved cannot agree what to do

Syn: ↑ **deadlock**

- to **break/end the impasse**
- Negotiations have **reached an impasse** .

Word Origin:mid 19th cent.: from French, from **im-** (expressing negation) + the stem of **passer** 'to pass'.Example Bank:

- The Governor attempted to resolve Minnesota's current budget impasse.
- The proposal offered both sides a way out of the diplomatic impasse.

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im **pas**se /æm'pɑs/ *BrE* *AmE* *noun* [singular][**Date:** 1800-1900; **Language:** French; **Origin:** passer 'to pass']

a situation in which it is impossible to continue with a discussion or plan because the people involved cannot agree

at an impasse

- The political process is at an impasse.
- Negotiations seemed to have reached an impasse.

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THESAURUS■ **no progress**

- **stalemate/deadlock** /'steɪlmeɪt/ [**uncountable and countable**] a situation in which no further progress can be made because two groups or organizations cannot find a way to end a disagreement: The negotiations ended in deadlock. | At that point the strike appeared to have reached a stalemate. | the year-long political deadlock between the two parties
- **impasse** /æm'pɑs/ *BrE* *AmE* [**singular formal**] a situation in which progress has stopped completely, especially because people cannot agree on what to do next: The continuing impasse over the budget. | The situation seemed to have reached an impasse.
- **grind to a halt** to slowly stop making any progress: The economy seems to be grinding to a halt. | It was clear that the peace talks had ground to a halt.

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