

deadlock**dead·lock** [ˈdedlɒk ˈdedlɒks ˈdedlɒkd ˈdedlɒkɪŋ] *BrE* [ˈdedlɒk]*NAmE* [ˈdedlɑːk] **noun**

1. **singular, uncountable** a complete failure to reach agreement or settle an argument

Syn: †stalemate

- European agriculture ministers failed to **break the deadlock** over farm subsidies.
- (*BrE*) The strike appeared to have reached deadlock.
- (*NAmE, BrE*) The strike has reached a deadlock.

2. (*BrE*) (*also* **dead-bolt** *NAmE, BrE*) **countable** a type of lock on a door that needs a key to open or close it

Derived Word †deadlockedSee also: †deadboltExample Bank:

- The government has called new talks in an attempt to break the deadlock over the issue of redundancy money.
- The negotiations ended in (a) deadlock.
- The negotiations were adjourned in deadlock last week.
- The strike appeared to have reached a deadlock.
- The summit called for an end to the deadlock in the peace talks.
- The two were in a deadlock.
- an attempt to break the deadlock over the issue of pay
- the deadlock between striking workers and their employer

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dead·lock /ˈdedlɒk \$ -lɑːk *BrE* *AmE* **noun** [singular, uncountable]

1. a situation in which a disagreement cannot be settled **SYN** stalemate :

- The talks have reached a complete deadlock.

- a last-ditch effort to break the deadlock

- Negotiations ended in deadlock.

2. *British English* a †deadbolt

—deadlocked *adjective:*

- Talks between management and unions remain deadlocked.

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THESAURUS■ **no progress**

- **stalemate/deadlock** /ˈsteɪlmeɪt/ [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** /æmˈpɑːs \$ ˈɪmpæs/ [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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