

**crisis**[ˈkraɪsɪs] *n* (*pl* *crises*)

- кризис  
economic [financial, industrial] crisis - экономический [финансовый, промышленный] кризис  
the general crisis of economy - общий кризис экономики
- критический, решительный момент, перелом  
to bring to a crisis - довести до критического состояния  
things are coming /drawing/ to a crisis - наступает критический /решительный/ момент  
the Battle of Waterloo was a crisis in Napoleon's career - битва при Ватерлоо была переломным моментом карьеры Наполеона
- мед.* кризис, криз

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**cri·sis** [**crisis crises**] *BrE* [ˈkraɪsɪs] <sup>ˈ</sup> *NAmE* [ˈkraɪsɪs] <sup>ˈ</sup> **noun** **countable**,**uncountable** (*pl.* **cri·ses** *BrE* [ˈkraɪsɪsɪz] <sup>ˈ</sup> ; *NAmE* [ˈkraɪsɪsɪz] <sup>ˈ</sup> )

- a time of great danger, difficulty or confusion when problems must be solved or important decisions must be made

- a **political/financial crisis**
- the government's latest **economic crisis**
- The business is still **in crisis** but it has survived the worst of the recession.
- The Labour Party was facing an **identity crisis** .
- an expert in **crisis management**
- We provide help to families in crisis situations.
- In times of crisis I know which friends I can turn to.
- The party was suffering a **crisis of confidence** among its supporters (= they did not trust it any longer) .

**see also** ↑ **midlife crisis**

- a time when a problem, a bad situation or an illness is at its worst point

- Their marriage has reached crisis point.
- The fever has passed its crisis.

**see also** ↑ **critical**Word Origin:late Middle English (denoting the turning point of a disease): medical Latin, from Greek **krisis** 'decision', from **krinein** 'decide'. The general sense 'decisive point' dates from the early 17th cent.Thesaurus:**crisis** **noun** **C, U**

- help in times of crisis

**emergency** • • **disaster** • • **catastrophe** • • **calamity** • • **tragedy** •**in** a crisis/an emergencya **major/national** crisis/emergency/disaster/catastrophe/calamity/tragedy**deal with/cope with** a/an crisis/emergency/disasterExample Bank:

- He's having a mid-life crisis.
- In times of crisis it's good to have someone you can rely on for advice.
- She's no good in a crisis.
- The company is suffering a severe crisis of confidence.
- The government is in crisis.
- The plan could save the country from a looming energy crisis.
- The team's dismal season has reached crisis point.
- Three people died during the hostage crisis.
- Union leaders are taking immediate steps to defuse the crisis.
- We are just waiting for the next crisis to arise.
- With competition from cheap imports, the British coal industry is facing a serious crisis.
- a crisis over pensions
- an expert in crisis management
- attempts to ease the town's housing crisis
- the Third World debt crisis
- the growing crisis in education
- the worst economic crisis for fifty years
- A succession of economic crises had limited the money available for new social policies.
- He is one of the world's leading experts in crisis management.
- It is hoped that his resignation will end the latest political crisis in the country.
- The Communist Party was facing an identity crisis.
- The party was suffering a crisis of confidence among its supporters.
- Their marriage had reached crisis point.

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**cri·sis** **S3 W2** /ˈkraɪsɪs, 'kraɪsɪs/ *BrE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ˈ</sup> **noun** (*plural* **crises** /-sɪsɪz/) [**uncountable** and**countable**]

1. a situation in which there are a lot of problems that must be dealt with quickly so that the situation does not get worse or more dangerous ⇨ **emergency** :

- The country now faces an economic crisis.
- The Prime Minister was criticized for the way in which he handled the crisis.
- the current debt crisis
- a major political crisis
- I was relieved that we had averted yet another financial crisis.
- Oil companies were heavily criticized when they made large profits during the oil crisis of the 1970s.
- The car industry is now in crisis.
- He doesn't seem to be very good at crisis management.

2. a time when a personal emotional problem or situation has reached its worst point:

- an emotional crisis
- In times of crisis, you find out who your real friends are.
- He seems to be going through a crisis.
- She has reached a crisis point in her career.
- Both parties experienced an identity crisis (=feeling of uncertainty about their purpose) at the end of the '90s.

3. **crisis of confidence** a situation in which people no longer believe that a government or an economic system is working properly, and will no longer support it or work with it:

- There seems to be a crisis of confidence in the economy.

4. **crisis of conscience** a situation in which someone feels worried or uncomfortable because they have done something which they think is wrong or immoral

⇨ ↑midlife crisis

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### COLLOCATIONS

#### ■ adjectives

- **an economic/political/financial etc crisis** The country was headed into an economic crisis.
- **a constitutional crisis** (=relating to the way a country is governed) The scandal caused the greatest constitutional crisis of modern times.
- **a major/serious/deep/severe crisis** Our farming industry has been hit by a serious crisis.
- **a worsening/deepening crisis** The strikes came during a worsening economic crisis.

#### ■ verbs

- **create/cause/provoke a crisis** The people fled the country, creating a huge refugee crisis.
- **precipitate a crisis** *formal* (=start one) The rising oil prices precipitated an energy crisis.
- **face a crisis** Many families are facing a debt crisis.
- **resolve/overcome a crisis** (=deal with it so that it no longer exists) We still hope that the hostage crisis can be resolved by negotiation.
- **handle a crisis** (=deal with one) Can he handle the crisis in our prisons?
- **defuse a crisis** (=stop it developing further) Diplomatic efforts to defuse the crisis have failed.
- **avert a crisis** (=stop it happening) More talks were proposed in an attempt to avert the crisis.

#### ■ NOUN + crisis

- **a debt/food/housing etc crisis** The failure of the crop this year will create a food crisis.
- **a cash crisis** (=a lack of money) In April the company sold another 30% of its stock to ease its cash crisis.
- **an energy/oil/fuel crisis** There is an energy crisis here, with power cuts happening daily.

#### ■ crisis + NOUN

- **crisis management** (=dealing with a crisis) Most of my job consists of crisis management.
- **crisis point** (=the point at which a problem becomes a crisis) Events were now reaching crisis point.
- **a crisis situation** Emergency powers were needed to deal with the crisis situation.
- **crisis talks** (=discussions about a crisis) The Prime Minister went back to London for crisis talks.

### crisis

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