

**plight**

I

[plaɪt] *n*

состояние, положение (*обыкн. плохое, трудное*)  
 in none too good a plight - в незавидном положении  
 not in the best plight and order - отнюдь не в лучшем виде  
 to be in a sorry /sad/ plight - быть в плачевном состоянии  
 what a plight you are in! - ну и попали вы в положеньице!

II

1. [plaɪt] *n* **КНИЖН.**

1. обязательствo обещание
2. помолвка

2. [plaɪt] *v* **КНИЖН.**

1. давать обязательствo связывать себя обещанием  
 to plight one's faith - присягнуть на верность  
 to plight one's troth - дать слово, поклясться в верности (*особ. при обручении*)
2. помолвить  
 his daughter was plighted to a judge - его дочь была помолвлена /обручена/ с судьёй

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**plight** [plɪt plɪts plɪtɪd plɪtɪŋ] **noun, verb** *BrE* [plɑɪt] <sup>ⓘ</sup> *NAmE* [plɑɪt]

**noun singular**

a difficult and sad situation

- the plight of the homeless
- The African elephant is in a desperate plight.

Word Origin:

*n.* Middle English Anglo-Norman French **plit** 'fold' -gh- ↑**plight**

*v.* Old English plihtan 'endanger' Germanic Dutch **plicht** German **Pflicht** 'duty' Middle English Germanic

Example Bank:

- the desperate plight of flood victims
- the plight of the 1.5 million refugees
- A neighbour heard of her plight and offered to help.
- He has expressed deep concern about the plight of the flood victims.
- There are better ways to highlight the plight of the homeless.

Idiom: ↑**plight your troth**

**verb**

**Rem:** or

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	plight
	<i>BrE</i> /plɑɪt/
	<i>NAmE</i> /plɑɪt/
he / she / it	plights
	<i>BrE</i> /plɑɪts/
	<i>NAmE</i> /plɑɪts/
past simple, past participle	plighted
	<i>BrE</i> /plɑɪtɪd/
	<i>NAmE</i> /plɑɪtɪd/
-ing form	plighting
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[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Anglo-French; Origin: plit, from Latin plicatus; ⇒ ↑**plait**]

a very bad situation that someone is in

**plight of**

- the desperate plight of the flood victims
- the country's economic plight

II. **plight**<sup>2</sup> *BrE* <sup>ⓘ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ⓘ</sup> **verb**

**plight your troth** *old use* to promise someone that you will marry them

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