predicament

[prɪˈdɪkəmənt] *n*

1. затруднительное, неприятное положение
   to be in an awkward predicament - быть в неловком положении
   we're in a fine predicament - *ирон.* в хороший переплёт мы попали
2. *лог.* категория
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4. *арх.* положение; ситуация

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pre·dica·ment [predicament predicaments] *BrE* [prɪˈdɪkəmənt] *NAmE* [prɪˈdɪkəmənt] noun

a difficult or unpleasant situation, especially one where it is difficult to know what to do

Syn: ↑quandary

• the club's financial predicament

• I'm in a terrible predicament.

Word Origin:
late Middle English (in Aristotelian logic): from late Latin praedicamentum **'something predicated'** (rendering Greek katēgoria **'category'**), from Latin praedicare, from prae **'beforehand'** + dicare **'make known'**. From the sense 'category' arose the sense 'state of being, condition'; hence 'unpleasant situation'.

Example Bank:
• Many young people find themselves in this predicament.
• Now I really was in a dire predicament.
• Other companies are in an even worse predicament than ourselves.
• She was searching for the right words to explain her predicament.
• When I was your age, I was in a similar predicament.
• a portrayal of the human predicament
• the team's dire financial predicament
• He explained his predicament to the librarian.
• They are not to blame for their current predicament.

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pre·dic·a·ment /prɪˈdɪkəmənt/ *BrE* *AmE* noun [countable]

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Late Latin; Origin: praedicamentum, from praedicare; ⇒ ↑predicate²]

a difficult or unpleasant situation in which you do not know what to do, or in which you have to make a difficult choice:
   the country's economic predicament
   She went to the office to explain her predicament.
 in a predicament
   Other married couples are in a similar predicament.

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