Crisis: crisis

***noun***

**UK**

 /ˈkraɪ.sɪs/ **US**

 /ˈkraɪ.sɪs/

plural **crises** **UK**

 /ˈkraɪ.siːz/ **US**

 /ˈkraɪ.siːz/

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**a**[**time**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/time)**of**[**great**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/great)[**disagreement**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/disagreement)**,**[**confusion**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/confusion)**, or**[**suffering**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/suffering)**:**

*The country's*[*leadership*](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/leadership)*is****in crisis****.*

*an*[*economic*](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/economic)*/*[*financial*](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/finance)*crisis*

*We have a*[*family*](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/family)*crisis on my*[*hands*](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/hand)*- my 16-year-old*[*sister*](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/sister)*is*[*pregnant*](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/pregnant)*.*

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**an**[**extremely**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/extremely)[**difficult**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/difficult)**or**[**dangerous**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/dangerous)[**point**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/point)**in a**[**situation**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/situation)**:**

*crisis*[*talks*](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/talk)

*A*[*mediator*](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/mediate)*has been called in to*[***resolve***](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/resolve)*the crisis*

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**UK**

 /saɪˈteɪ.ʃən/ **US**

 /saɪˈteɪ.ʃən/

**citation *noun* [C] (EXAMPLE)**

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# Scarcity: **scarcity**

[**noun**](https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/noun)

scar·​ci·​ty [ˈsker-sə-tē](https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/scarcity?pronunciation&lang=en_us&dir=s&file=scarci01)

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**pluralscarcities**

[Synonyms of *scarcity*](https://www.merriam-webster.com/thesaurus/scarcity)

**:**the quality or state of being [scarce](https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/scarce)

*especially* **:**want of provisions for the support of life

Merriam-Webster. (n.d.). *Scarcity definition & meaning*. Merriam-Webster. Retrieved April 2, 2023, from https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/scarcity

shortage /**ˈ**ʃoɚtɪʤ/  ***noun***

*plural* **shortages**

**Britannica Dictionary definition of SHORTAGE**

**:** a state in which there is not enough of something that is needed

[count]

* a gasoline/water *shortage*

— often + *of*

* a *shortage of* cash/gasoline/teachers/water
* **There is no shortage of** restaurants [=there are many restaurants] in the city.

[noncount]

(*chiefly Brit*)

* periods of food *shortage*

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