

situation

1 Verb + situation

Use the correct form of these verbs:

comment on depend on handle
review misunderstand improve

1. John's calm approach prevented a nasty argument from developing during the meeting. You have to admire the way he the situation.
2. It would be unwise to the situation in Kashmir without knowing all the facts.
3. Would you come to my aid if somebody attacked me?
> Well, it would the situation.
4. I thought the man you were with was your husband. I didn't realise he was your brother. I'm so sorry. I totally the situation.
5. The refugees have no fresh water or sanitation. There's little anyone can do to the situation.
6. Before we throw any more money at the problem, I think we should the situation and see what worked and what didn't.

2 Common adjective collocations

Complete the sentences with these adjectives:

current desperate delicate ideal
impossible Catch-22 volatile difficult

1. We're trying to buy a house, but everywhere is too expensive for us. We're in an situation.
2. You'll need to handle this very sensitively. It's a very situation.
3. We can't allow the situation to go on any longer. We need a change.
4. The news report from the Sudan showed the situation people are in. They have no food, very little water and no medical supplies.
5. I think she coped admirably with a very situation. It was a real 'can of worms'.
6. I can't get the job because I don't have the right experience and I can't get the experience until I get a job. It's a situation.
7. The house we want to buy is in an situation with wonderful views of the mountains.
8. The political situation is very – the army could start a coup at any time.

3 Situation + verb

Use the correct form of these verbs:

arise calls for continue
return turn deteriorate

1. The situation prompt action. We must do something quickly.
2. Let's get out of here. The situation could nasty at any moment.
3. The situation is day by day. Soon, there will be no food, water or medical supplies left.
4. This situation can't I simply won't allow it to go on any longer.
5. Three days after the riots the situation has to normal.
6. I don't have the time to think about it now. I'll worry about it when the situation

4 Noun + of + situation

Complete the sentences with these nouns:

advantage facts handling
misunderstanding gravity side

1. I don't think you fully realise the of the situation. We could all lose our jobs.
2. Our school has been closed for repairs, so we are taking full of the situation and going on a short holiday.
3. I'm glad you can see the funny of the situation. Not many people would.
4. It's important that we don't let our prejudices blind us to the of the situation.
5. Her of the situation was masterly. She dealt with the problem very professionally.
6. His inappropriate reaction was obviously based on a complete of the situation.

Notes

1. Note the following expressions:
I'm in a no-win situation. Whatever I do will be bad.
2. Note this question:
What would you have done in my situation?
3. We talk about the *economic / political / social situation*.