



False Friends

Serie 2

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- 1) **Today's false friend: 'experience'** – you may think that this has two meanings
 - a) a verb meaning to live something
 - and
 - b) a noun meaning a scientific testbut it only means the first i.e. to live something (b. is an experiment).

- 2) **Today's false friend: a 'figure'** – you may think this means a part of your anatomy but it means a number.
We must send the correct figures to our accountant.

- 3) **Today's false friend: 'miserable'** – now you may think this means to be very poor but actually it means to be very sad.
He was miserable when he left his family and friends to work abroad.

- 4) **Today's false friend: a 'car'** – you may think that this is a large vehicle for lots of people but it means a family sized vehicle usually for a maximum of 4 to 5 people.

- 5) **Today's false friend: 'delay'** – you may think this means a time-limit but it refers to being late.
The flight was delayed by 30 minutes.