



False Friends

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- 1) **False friend of the day 'bribe'** – you may think this is a fragment or small part of something,
but it is something (often money) given to someone to persuade them to do something illegal.
He was being investigated for taking bribes.
- 2) **False friend of the day 'coin'** – you may think this refers to part of a room,
but it's a small, flat, round piece of metal issued by a government as money.
Have you got any coins for the coffee machine?
- 3) **False friend of the day 'patron'** -you may think this means your boss,
but it actually means a person who gives money and support to an artist or a charity.
He's a well-known patron of the arts.
- 4) **False friend of the day to 'retire'** – you may think that this means to remove something
but it means to stop working because one has reached a certain age
In France people usually retire around 60 years old.
- 5) **False friend of the day 'vest'** – you may think this means a jacket,
but it is a garment which is worn under your shirt to keep warm.
She always wore a thermal vest in the winter.