



False Friends

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- 1) **False friend of the day 'actual'** – you may think this means that something is happening now,
but it actually means that the information is true or real.
We bought this at a bargain price but the actual cost is 20% higher.
- 2) **False friend of the day 'comprehensive'** – you may think that to be comprehensive is to be understandable,
but it actually means to be complete.
The report was very comprehensive.
- 3) **False friend of the day 'important'** – you may think this means that something is big or is a large number,
but it actually means that something is significant, valuable, essential.
It's very important to exercise regularly.
- 4) **Today's false friend 'lecture'** – you may think that this has something to do with reading,
but a lecture is a talk delivered before an audience.
The lecture on alternative power was very interesting.
- 5) **Today's false friend 'prune'** - you may think this means a piece of fresh fruit,
but it refers to a plum which has been dried.
Stapleton's dehydration process shows how plums are turned into prunes.