



False Friends

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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 test
but 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.