



False Friends

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1) **Today's false friend: to 'assist'** – you may think this means to be present at a meeting or a social event

but it actually means “to help” someone do something.

We'll do all we can to assist you.

2) **Today's false friend: a 'library'** – you may think this means a place to buy a book

but it means a place where you can borrow books and get information.

Could you give me the local library's opening hours please?

3) **Today's false friend: 'chips'** – you may ask for these with your aperitif

but you'll be very surprised to get something hot (French fries).

Crisps are better if you're having a cold drink.

4) **Today's false friend: 'injure'** – you may think this means to insult or to abuse someone

but it actually means to cause physical harm.

He injured his leg while skiing.

5) **Today's false friend: 'souvenir'** – you may think this is a memory of something that has happened

but actually it's an object or a gift which reminds someone of a place or a person.

We brought back souvenirs for the whole family when we visited the US.