



False Friends

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- 1) **False friend of the day 'deceive'** - you may think this means to disappoint someone but it means to make someone believe something which isn't true
He deceived me into buying a watch of little value

- 2) **False friend of the day 'eventually'** – you may think this means 'possibly' but it means that finally we have been able to do something
He eventually finished the report but it was too late for the presentation

- 3) **False friend of the day to "pass" an exam** – you may think this means to participate in the exam
but it actually means to be successful in the exam
He passed the exam with flying colours

- 4) **False friend of the day to 'command'** – you may think that this means to order something on the internet or in a restaurant
but it means to give orders to somebody – often used in the military
He commanded the American expeditionary force

- 5) **False friend of the day 'dramatic'** – you may think this means something terrible but it means spectacular
There was a dramatic rise in the cost of petrol