

1. [fɔ:lt] *n*

## 1. недостаток, дефект

an essential fault in /of/ a theory - существенный недостаток теории

a fault in cloth - дефект в ткани

to acknowledge one's faults - признавать свои недостатки

it is his great fault - это его большой недостаток

with all faults - *ком.* без гарантии

2. *мк. sing* вина

the fault lies with you, not with me - вы виноваты, а не я

whose fault is it? - чья это вина?; кто в этом виноват?

it is my fault - это моя вина

at /редк. in/ fault - виноватый [*см. тж.* 3, 6 и ◇ ]

I'm not at fault - я не виноват

who is at fault? - кто виноват?

party in /at/ fault - *юр.* виновная сторона

my memory is at fault - меня подводит /мне изменяет/ память

## 3. ошибка; промах

your essay contains many faults in grammar - в вашем сочинении много грамматических ошибок

there's your fault - вот в чём ваша ошибка

to be at fault - ошибаться, заблуждаться [*см. тж.* 2, 6 и ◇ ]

to find fault with smb., smth. - придираться к кому-л., чему-л.; ворчать /жаловаться/ на кого-л., что-л.

I have no fault to find with your work - по вашей работе я замечаний не имею

4. проступок, провинность; нарушение (*закона и т. п.*)

faults of a child - проступки ребёнка

5. неправильно поданный мяч (*теннис*)6. *охот.* потеря следа

cold fault - *арх.* потерянный след

to be at fault - потерять след [*см. тж.* 2, 3 и ◇ ]

7. *эл.* замыкание (*тока*)8. *мех.* авария, повреждение, неисправность

fault image - *тлв.* искажённое изображение

fault indicator - *мех.* дефектоскоп, указатель повреждений

9. *геол.* разлом, сброс, сдвиг (*породы*)

◇ to a fault - чрезмерно, слишком

gentle to a fault - слишком кроткий /мягкий/

she is generous to a fault - в своей щедрости она не знает меры

to be at fault - находиться в затруднительном положении, не знать, что делать *или* что сказать [*см. тж.* 2, 3 и 6]

a fault confessed is half redressed - *посл.* за признание - половина наказания; ≅ повинную голову меч не сечёт

faults are thick where love is thin - кто не любит, тот видит одни недостатки

2. [fɔ:lt] *v*

## 1. считать виновным, обвинять; придираться

it was difficult to fault her performance - было трудно придираться к её исполнению; ≅ её исполнение было безукоризненным

## 2. ошибаться, допускать ошибки

3. *геол.* образовать разрыв *или* сброс

## 4. осуждать, порицать

to fault smb. for smth. - порицать кого-л. за что-л.

I fault myself for not doing it - ругаю себя за то, что не сделал этого

## fault

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**fault** [fault faults faulted faulting] *noun, verb* *BrE* [fɔʊlt] *NAme* [fɔʊlt]

*noun*

## RESPONSIBILITY

1. *uncountable* the responsibility for sth wrong that has happened or been done

- Why should I say sorry when it's not **my fault** ?
- It's nobody's fault.
- ~ **(that...)** It was **his fault** that we were late.
- ~ **(for doing sth)** It's **your own fault** for being careless.
- Many people live in poverty **through no fault of their own** .
- I think the owners are **at fault** (= responsible) for not warning us.
- He believes that the product's poor image is partly the fault of the press.

## IN SB'S CHARACTER

2. *countable* a bad or weak aspect of sb's character

**Syn:** †shortcoming

- He's proud of his children and blind to their faults.
- I love her **for all her faults** (= in spite of them) .
- I think my worst fault is impatience.

## STH WRONG

3. **countable** something that is wrong or not perfect; something that is wrong with a machine or system that stops it from working correctly

**Syn:** ↑defect

- The book's virtues far outweigh its faults.
- The system, **for all its faults**, is the best available at the moment.
- a major fault in the design
- a structural fault
- an electrical fault

## IN TENNIS

4. **countable** a mistake made when ↑serving

- He has served a number of **double faults** in this set.

## GEOLOGY

5. **countable** a place where there is a break that is longer than usual in the layers of rock in the earth's ↑crust

- the San Andreas fault
- a fault line

**more at** find fault (with sb/sth) **at** ↑find v.

### Word Origin:

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### Thesaurus:

**fault** noun

#### 1. U

- It was her fault that we were late.

**responsibility** • • **blame** • • **guilt** •

(not) **without** fault/responsibility/blame/guilt

**admit** your fault/responsibility/your guilt

**deny** responsibility/your guilt

the fault/responsibility/blame/guilt **lies with sb**

**Fault or responsibility?** **Fault** is usually used in the phrases **my/your/his/her/our/their/sb's (own) fault** or **sb is at fault**: ✗

**It was her responsibility that we were late.** People typically **accept/share/admit/claim/deny responsibility for sth**:

- The bank refuses to accept responsibility for the error.

✗ **The bank refuses to accept fault for the error.**

#### 2. C

- She is blind to her son's faults.

**weakness** • • **failing** • • **inadequacy** • • **flaw** • • **vice** • |formal **frailty** •

(a) fault/weakness/failing/inadequacies/flaw **in** sb/sth

**despite/in spite of** sb's faults/weaknesses/failings/inadequacies/flaws

**have** faults/weaknesses/failings/flaws/a vice

**Fault or weakness?** A **fault** is often more serious than a **weakness**. You can see a **weakness** in yourself, but a **fault** in sb else.

#### 3. C

- The fire was caused by an electrical fault.

**defect** • • **flaw** • • **imperfection** • • **bug** • |informal **glitch** •

a/an fault/defect/flaw/imperfection/bug/glitch **in** sth

a **technical/mechanical** fault/defect/flaw/glitch

**have** a/an fault/defect/flaw/imperfection/bug/glitch

**detect/correct** a fault/defect/flaw

**Fault or defect?** A **fault** can only exist in sth that has been made by people. It can be permanent or temporary. A **defect** can exist in sth that has been made by people or in a part of the body. It is present from the beginning or from birth and is not temporary, although it may be repaired or treated:

- If a fault develops in the equipment...

✗ **If a defect develops...:**

- a birth defect

✗ **a birth fault**

### Example Bank:

- Diabetes is caused by a fault in the insulin production of the body.
- Even tennis champions sometimes serve double faults.
- For all her faults she was a great woman.
- For all its faults, we love this city.
- For all its faults= in spite of the faults, we love this city.

- Having made an error of judgement she was not without fault in the matter.
- He is blind to his son's faults.
- He is generous to a fault.
- He's deliberately picking fault with the meal to get a reduction on the bill.
- Her great fault was that she thought too much of herself.
- I have to accept and realize my faults.
- Incorrectness in speech was considered a great fault in a gentleman.
- It was my entire fault. I ruined everything.
- It's all your own fault, you know.
- It's his own stupid fault his car was stolen— he should have kept it locked.
- Many of the soldiers died through his fault.
- My biggest fault was my laziness.
- My mother did nothing but find fault with my manners.
- No one had ever pointed out my faults to my face before.
- Of course, minor mechanical faults sometimes occur.
- She was always finding fault with his manners.
- She was prepared to overlook his faults.
- The car soon developed another fault.
- The engine has a serious fault.
- The fault lay in the structure of the economy.
- The fault lay not with her but with her manager.
- The only real fault of the book is its looseness of structure.
- The party at fault in a court case usually pays the other party's legal costs.
- There is a basic fault in the design of the engine. It cannot be fixed.
- These are just a few of the glaring faults that ruined the movie for me.
- They've found a major fault with the electrical system.
- We all have our faults.
- We're trying to correct the faults in the program.
- When she tested the recorder she could find no fault with it.
- You should report any fault directly to the phone company.
- a common fault with this type of machine
- helping people who, through no fault of their own, have lost their homes
- the absence of fault on the part of the prosecution
- A major design fault was discovered in the latest model of the car.
- Broadcasting was suspended because of a technical fault in the transmitter.
- He believes that the product's poor image is partly the fault of the press.
- He viewed independence as a serious fault in a young girl.
- I think the owners are at fault for not warning us.
- If a fault develops in the equipment, you can call us 24 hours a day.
- It's nobody's fault.
- It's your own fault for being careless.
- Many people live in poverty through no fault of their own.
- She is blind to all her son's faults.
- The book's virtues far outweigh its faults.
- The children were told to pray that their moral faults would be overcome.
- The fire was caused by an electrical fault.
- The healthcare system, for all its faults, is far better than ever before.
- There seemed to be some fault with the cooling system.
- Why should I say sorry when it's not my fault?
- a technical/mechanical/structural/design defect/fault

**Idiom:** †a fault

**verb ~ sb/sth** (often used in negative sentences with can and could)

to find a mistake or a weakness in sb/sth

**Syn:** †criticize

- Her colleagues could not fault her dedication to the job.
- He had always been polite— she couldn't fault him on that.

**Verb forms:**

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	fault
	BrE /fɔːlt/
	NAmE /fɔːlt/
he / she / it	faults
	BrE /fɔːltz/
	NAmE /fɔːltz/
past simple, past participle	faulted
	BrE /fɔːltɪd/
	NAmE /fɔːltɪd/
-ing form	faulting
	BrE /fɔːltɪŋ/
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### I. **fault**<sup>1</sup> **S2 W3** /fɔʊlt/ *BrE* *AmE* *noun* [countable]

[Word Family: adjective: ↑*faultless*, ↑*faulty*; verb: ↑*fault*; noun: ↑*fault*; adverb: ↑*faultlessly*]

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: *faute*, from Latin *fallere*; ⇒ ↑*fail*<sup>1</sup>]

1. **RESPONSIBLE FOR MISTAKE** if something bad that has happened is your fault, you should be blamed for it, because you made a mistake or failed to do something:

" I'm really sorry – it's all my fault.

**be sb's fault (that)**

" It's your fault we're late.

" I didn't sleep well that night, but it was my own fault.

**be sb's fault for doing something**

" It's my fault for not making your new job clearer.

2. **at fault** if someone is at fault, they are responsible for something bad that has happened:

" The police said that the other driver was at fault.

" Some people claim that it is the UN that is at fault.

3. **SOMETHING WRONG WITH SOMETHING**

a) something that is wrong with a machine, system, design etc, which prevents it from working properly:

" a design fault

**fault in**

" It sounds as if there's a fault in one of the loudspeakers.

b) something that is wrong with something, which could be improved **SYN flaw**:

" There are two serious faults in Hobsbawm's discussion of nationalism.

" For all its faults (=in spite of its faults) we love this city.

c) a mistake in the way that something was made, which spoils its appearance

**fault in**

" The sweater had a fault in it and I had to take it back.

4. **SB'S CHARACTER** a bad or weak part of someone's character:

" His worst fault is his arrogance.

" I may have my faults, but ingratitude is not one of them.

" For all his faults (=in spite of his faults) he was a good father.

5. **through no fault of her/my etc own** used to say that something bad that happened to someone was not caused by them:

" Through no fault of our own we are currently two players short.

6. **CRACK** a large crack in the rocks that form the Earth's surface:

" the San Andreas fault

7. **generous/loyal/honest etc to a fault** extremely generous, kind etc:

" Barry's kind, caring and generous to a fault.

8. **TENNIS** a mistake made when a player is ↑*serving* the ball in tennis

⇒ ↑*double fault*, ⇒ **find fault with somebody/something** at ↑*find*<sup>1</sup>(14)

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## THESAURUS (for Meaning 3)

### ■ something wrong

▪ **fault** a problem in a machine, system, design etc that causes damage or makes it not work properly: The fire was caused by an electrical fault. | a fault in the engine

▪ **defect** a fault in something such as a product or machine, resulting from the way it was made or designed: Cars are tested for defects before they leave the factory.

▪ **weakness** a part of a plan, system, or argument that is not as good as the other parts, and makes it likely to fail: What are the strengths and weaknesses of each method?

▪ **flaw** a fault in a plan, system, argument etc, especially one that makes it useless or not effective: Your argument has a fundamental flaw. | There was one major flaw in his suggestion – we didn't have enough money.

▪ **bug** a fault in a computer program: A bug in the system was quickly fixed.

▪ **glitch** a small fault in the way something works, that can usually be easily corrected: I noticed a small glitch when installing the software.

▪ **mistake** something that is wrong in someone's spelling, grammar, calculations etc: The article was full of spelling mistakes.

▪ **there's something wrong with something** used when saying that there is a problem in a machine, car etc, but you do not know what it is: There's something wrong with the computer – it won't close down.

### II. **fault**<sup>2</sup> *BrE* *AmE* *verb* [transitive usually passive]

[Word Family: adjective: ↑*faultless*, ↑*faulty*; verb: ↑*fault*; noun: ↑*fault*; adverb: ↑*faultlessly*]

to criticize someone or something for a mistake:

" The judge cannot be faulted on his decision.

**it is hard/difficult to fault somebody/something**

" You might not like O'Donnell's arrogance, but it's hard to fault what he does on the field.

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