

false**1. [fɔːls] n разг.**

1. лжец, обманщик
2. подделка; фальшивка

2. [fɔːls] а**1. ложный, неверный; ошибочный**

- false accusation - ложное обвинение
 false note - фальшивая нота
 false shame - ложный стыд
 false pride - ложная гордость; ложное самолюбие
 false pains - *мед.* ложные /предварительные/ схватки (*при родах*)
 to take a false step - сделать неверный шаг; совершить ошибку
 to be in a false position - оказаться в ложном /неловком/ положении
 to give /to put/ a false colour on smth. - исказить что-л, представлять что-л. в ложном свете
 to give a false impression - создать неправильное впечатление
 the news has proved false - сообщение оказалось неверным

2. фальшивый, неискренний, притворный, вероломный, лживый

- false tears - притворные /≅ «крокодиловы»/ слёзы
 false to the core - лживый /фальшивый/ насквозь
 to be false to smb.'s trust - обмануть чьё-л. доверие
 to be false to smb. - обманывать кого-л., быть неверным кому-л.

3. поддельный, фальшивый

- false coin - фальшивая монета
 false hair - фальшивые /накладные/ волосы, парик
 false teeth - искусственные /вставные/ зубы
 false jewelry - фальшивые драгоценности
 false pillars - декоративные колонны
 false window - глухое окно; декоративное окно
 false prophet - лжепророк

4. *тех.* дополнительный вспомогательный (об элементах конструкции); временный

- false timbering - *горн.* временное крепление
 false keel - *мор.* фальшкиль

5. *юр.* неправомерный, противозаконный

- false imprisonment - незаконное лишение (кого-л.) свободы
 ◇ (to sail) under false colours - а) (плыть) под чужим флагом, б) выдавать себя за другого

3. [fɔːls] adv**обманным путём; коварно**

- to play smb. false - а) обмануть кого-л.; б) предать кого-л.
 his memory played him false - память подвела его
 his wife played him false - жена ему изменяла

false

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false BrE [fɔːls] ^{adj} NAmE [fɔːls] ^{adj} adjective**NOT TRUE****1. wrong; not correct or true**

- A whale is a fish. True or false?
- Predictions of an early improvement in the housing market proved false.
- She gave false information to the insurance company.
- He used a false name to get the job.

NOT NATURAL**2. not natural****Syn:** ↑artificial

- **false teeth/eyelashes**
- a false beard

NOT GENUINE**3. not genuine, but made to look real to cheat people**

- a false passport

NOT SINCERE**4. (of people's behaviour) not real or sincere**

- false modesty
- She flashed him a false smile of congratulation.

WRONG/MISTAKEN**5. usually before noun wrong or mistaken, because it is based on sth that is not true or correct**

- a **false argument/assumption/belief**
- to give a **false impression** of wealth
- to lull sb into a **false sense of security** (= make sb feel safe when they are really in danger)
- They didn't want to raise any **false hopes**, but they believed her husband had escaped capture.
- Buying a cheap computer is a **false economy** (= will not actually save you money).

NOT FAITHFUL

6. (literary) (of people) not faithful

- a false lover

more at ring true/hollow/false **at** ↑ring² v.

Idiom: ↑by false pretences

Derived Word ↑falsely

Word Origin:

Old English fals 'fraud, deceit', from Latin falsum 'fraud', neuter past participle of fallere 'deceive'; reinforced or re-formed in Middle English from Old French fals, faus 'false'.

Thesaurus:

false [false falsely] adj.

1.

- A whale is a fish. True or false?

wrong • **untrue** • **incorrect** • **mistaken** • **inaccurate** • **misguided** •

Opp: true

false/wrong/untrue/incorrect/mistaken/inaccurate **information**

a false/mistaken/inaccurate/misguided **belief**

give/get a false/the wrong/a mistaken/an inaccurate **impression**

2.

- a false beard and moustache

fake • **imitation** • **artificial** • **synthetic** • **man-made** •

Opp: real, **Opp:** genuine

false/fake/imitation/artificial/synthetic **diamonds/pearls**

false/imitation/artificial/synthetic **fur/leather**

artificial/synthetic/man-made **fabrics/fibres/materials/products**

3.

- He had been using a false passport.

fake • |formal **counterfeit** • |disapproving **bogus** • • **sham** • |BrE, informal, often disapproving **phoney** • |especially AmE **phony** •

a false/fake/bogus **identity**

a false/fake/phoney **document/passport/invoice**

a false/bogus **claim/application**

False or fake? **False** is used more frequently to describe documents and parts of the body, such as **eyelashes** or **teeth**; **fake** is used more to describe other objects

- fake goods/flowers/bombs

4.

- This is no time for false modesty.

insincere • • **hollow** •

Opp: genuine

false/insincere/hollow **words**

a/an false/insincere/hollow **smile**

look/sound/ring false/hollow

Example Bank:

- Helen's voice sounded slightly false.
- Lagos is the capital of Nigeria. True or false?
- She managed a horribly false smile.
- The gossip about her later proved to be entirely false.
- The law can punish knowingly false statements.
- Their claim was patently false.
- This claim is simply false.
- Buying a cheap computer is a false economy.
- Come on— this is no time for false modesty.
- He had been travelling with a false passport.
- His argument is based on the false assumption that all women want children.
- I don't want to raise any false hopes, but I think he's still alive.
- Predictions of an early improvement in the housing market proved false.
- She gave a tinkly little laugh, which sounded horribly false even to her own ears.
- The case had a false bottom where documents or even a small radio could be hidden.
- The couple had given the false impression of a blissfully happy marriage.
- Those who were thought to hold false beliefs were persecuted.

- We had been lulled into a false sense of security.
- a false beard and moustache
- false teeth/eyelashes

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false **W3** /fɔːls/\$ fɒːl/\$ **BrE** " **AmE** " **adjective**

[Date: 900-1000; Language: Latin; Origin: falsus, from fallere 'to deceive']

1. **UNTRUE** a statement, story etc that is false is completely untrue:

- " Please decide whether the following statements are true or false.
- " false accusations

REGISTER

In everyday English, people usually say **not true** rather than **false**, apart from in the fixed expression **true or false**:

- *What he said was false.* → What he said was not true.

2. **WRONG** based on incorrect information or ideas:

- " I don't want to give you any false hopes.
- " The statement gives us a false impression that we understand something when we do not.
- " false assumptions about people of other cultures
- " a false sense of security (=a feeling of being safe when you are not really safe)

3. **NOT REAL**

a) not real, but intended to seem real and deceive people:

- " The drugs were hidden in a suitcase with a false bottom.
- " The man had given a false name and address.

b) artificial

false teeth/hair/eyelashes etc

4. **NOT SINCERE** not sincere or honest, and pretending to have feelings that you do not really have:

- " She's so false.
- " a false laugh
- " 'You played brilliantly.' 'Not really,' Ian replied with false modesty.

5. **false economy** something that you think will save you money but which will really cost you more:

- " It's a false economy not to have travel insurance.

6. **under false pretences** if you get something under false pretences, you get it by deceiving people:

- " He was accused of obtaining money under false pretences.

7. **false move/step** a small movement or action that will result in harm:

- " One false move and you're dead.

8. **false imprisonment/arrest** the illegal act of putting someone in prison or **↑arresting** them for a crime they have not committed

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THESAURUS

- **false** not real, but intended to seem real and deceive people: He uses a false name.
- **fake** made to look or seem like something else, especially something worth a lot more money: fake fur | a fake Rolex watch | fake designer goods | a fake \$100 bill
- **forged** a forged official document or bank note has been illegally made to look like a real one: a forged passport | a forged £50 note
- **counterfeit** /'kauntəfɪt \$ -tər-/ counterfeit money or goods have been illegally made to look exactly like something else: How do you detect counterfeit currency? | counterfeit drugs
- **imitation** made to look real – used especially about guns, bombs etc or about materials: The two men used an imitation firearm to carry out the robbery. | imitation leather/silk/silver
- **phoney/phony** /'fəʊni \$ 'foʊ-/ **disapproving informal** false – used when you think someone is deliberately trying to deceive people: She put on a phoney New York accent. | The doctors were accused of supplying phoney medical certificates. | There's something phoney about him. | phony advertisements
- **spurious** /'spjuəriəs \$ 'spjʊr-/ false and giving a wrong impression about someone or something: spurious claims | That's a spurious argument. | The company was trying to get some spurious respectability by using our name.

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