

flaw

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1. [flɔ:] *n*
 - 1) трещина (в драгоценном камне, в стекле, фарфоре)
 - 2) пороки, трещины (в металле)
 - 3) фаут (древесины)
2. изъян, недостаток, дефект, порок; слабое место
 this is a flaw in his character - это его недостаток
 a story without a flaw - безупречный рассказ; рассказ - верх совершенства
3. *юр.* упущение, ошибка (в документе и т. п.)
4. *шотл.* ложь, выдумка
5. мористая кромка берегового льда
 ◇ tragic flaw - трагическая вина (героя греческой трагедии)

II

[flɔ:] *n*
 сильный порыв ветра; шквал

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

flaw [flaw flaws flawed flawing] *BrE* [flɔ:][Ⓜ] *NAmE* [flɔ:][Ⓜ] *noun*

1. a mistake in sth that means that it is not correct or does not work correctly
Syn: ↑defect, **Syn:** ↑fault
 - The argument is full of fundamental flaws.
 - ~ **in sth** The report reveals **fatal flaws** in security at the airport.
 - There is still a basic flaw in your selection procedure.
2. ~ **(in sth)** a crack or fault in sth that makes it less attractive or valuable
 • The vase is in excellent condition except for a few small flaws in its base.
3. ~ **(in sb/sth)** a weakness in sb's character
 • There is always a flaw in the character of a tragic hero.

Word Origin:

Middle English: perhaps from Old Norse *flaga* 'slab'. The original sense was 'a flake of snow', later, 'a fragment or splinter', hence 'a defect or imperfection' (late 15th cent.).

Example Bank:

- Flaws have appeared in the new version of the software.
- It took me a long time to find the flaw in her logic.
- The markets have exposed the fatal flaw in the government's economic policy.
- Unfortunately, this plate has a slight flaw in it.
- one of the major flaws in his character
- A fundamental flaw had been discovered in the planning of the new system.
- After a short time, the flaws in his new bride's character became more apparent.
- Engineers have detected serious design flaws.
- The hero's fatal flaw is ambition.
- The report revealed serious flaws in security at the airport.
- There are some very basic flaws in his argument.

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[Date: 1300-1400; Origin: Perhaps from Old Norse *flaga* 'flat stone'; ⇒ ↑flag¹]

1. a mistake, mark, or weakness that makes something imperfect **SYN** defect
flaw in
 Ⓜ a flaw in the software
serious/major/basic/minor etc flaw
 Ⓜ a slight flaw in the glass
 Ⓜ A design flaw (=a mistake or weakness in the way something was made) caused the engine to explode.
2. a mistake or problem in an argument, plan, set of ideas etc
flaw of
 Ⓜ Beautiful scenery does not make up for the flaws of this film.
flaw in
 Ⓜ There is a fundamental flaw in Walton's argument.
fatal flaw (=a weakness that makes something certain to fail)
3. a fault in someone's character:
 Ⓜ Jealousy is Othello's major flaw.
 Ⓜ the President's character flaws
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THESAURUS

■ 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.

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