

False Friends

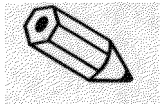
Our next part on spelling, *false friends* is just a selection out of the very many words in English that sound exactly the same as others but are spelt quite differently. We can only touch on a cross section here, there are so many; these are the most common and obvious. The following list will be alphabetical but not arranged according to particular parts of speech:

ascent	= climb
assent	= agree
bow	= stoop
bough	= branch of tree
cheap	= not expensive
cheep	= noise made by chicks
cue	= used for snooker
queue	= line of people
draft	= written document
draught	= current of air
fair	= amusements, festival
fare	= price of ticket
great	= large
grate	= used for coal, wood fire
hole	= gap, space
new	= not old, fresh
knew	= past of 'know'
knight	= man specially honoured by king/queen
night	= period of darkness
past	= gone by in time
passed	= moved onwards
pray	= ask God
prey	= hunted animal
rain	= water from sky
reign	= rule of monarch
rough	= not smooth, uneven, violent
ruff	= old fashioned collar
sight	= view, ability to see
site	= place
threw	= Past of 'throw'
through	= across
vale	= valley
veil	= transparent fabric to cover woman's face
whole	= all, complete

Activity 4

Give the word from the above list that matches the following definitions: the definition is not in the above list: try not to look at the list...

The Answer is in the Key after this lesson, the pronunciation given on your CD.

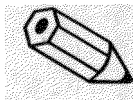


- a) Usually round
- b) Sir Launcelot was one
- c) When the sea is not calm
- d) In this dance there were seven of this... (Muslim women wear it..)
- e) Camps are built here
- f) Not small
- g) Queen Elizabeth II started this in 1952...
- h) To lower your head and shoulders
- i) Not a part
- j) Queen Elizabeth I might have worn this round her neck...
- k) Pearls and diamonds are not this
- l) A dip between hills, usually with a river
- m) What you pay to travel by train
- n) This is often written in rough
- o) In an Arctic winter this lasts 24 hours
- p) No one likes standing in this...
- q) A kestrel is a bird of _____
- r) Not the future and not the present
- s) To go up in the world
- t) All the fun of the _____

**SPELLING
IS FUN!!!**

Activity 5

Now here is an exercise on Vocabulary; you are given a complicated technical word with a definition; you have to write a simpler alternative (not necessarily one word):



- 1
 - a) proceed = continue on one's way
 - b) instigate = commence (an enquiry)
 - c) appellation = title, nomenclature
 - d) manoeuvre = plan war exercise
 - e) negotiate = come to terms
 - f) instantaneous = occurring very quickly
 - g) spontaneous = without preparation
 - h) procrastinate = play for time
 - i) malicious = not nice
 - j) benign = good to know
2. Now make up five sentences including the following words, so as to bring out their meanings; you may use your dictionary: suggested answers in your Key
 - a) veer
 - b) skirmish
 - c) install
 - d, e) career (two meanings)
 - f, g) run (two meanings)
 - h, i) pursuit (two meanings)