



False Friends

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1) **Today's false friend "professor"** – You may think this means a teacher, but it means the principal lecturer or teacher in a field of learning at a university or college.

He is professor of *Electrical Engineering at the University of California.*

2) **Today's false friend "properly"** – You may think this means to do something in a clean way, but it means to do something correctly.

Antivirus software may prevent Java from installing properly.

3) **Today's false friend "to resent"** – You may think this means to feel or to be conscious of something but it actually means to be upset about someone or something that you think is unfair.

He resents his boss for making him work late.

4) **Today's false friend "troubled"** – You may think this means something is vague, unclear or out of focus but it actually means to be concerned, distressed or even worried about something.

Jane was very quiet; she seemed troubled by something.

5) **Today's false friend "balance"** – You may think that this is something you'll find in the kitchen to weigh ingredients, but it refers to a state of having your weight spread equally so that you don't fall.

She had difficulty keeping her balance on the icy street.