

MATCH THE 'FALSE FRIENDS' DEFINITIONS A

EXERCISE ONE

Match the false friends with their definitions. Write a), b), c) etc. in the left column.

1. brave	a) group of things that are similar, e.g. type of bread, type of clothes
2. direction	b) existing in a particular region or area, e.g. <i>Our _____ supermarket is at the end of the street.</i>
3. rat	c) relating to or involving people in general
4. chef	d) a device which stops a door from being opened
5. eventually	e) state of chaos or disorder
6. fast	f) a series of actions taken in order to achieve a certain result
7. herd	g) a formal talk on a serious subject, usually given to university students.
8. hose	h) a small animal like a mouse which is often found near rubbish bins
9. kind (noun)	l) the sound a telephone or bell makes
10. local	j) showing no fear of difficult or dangerous things
11. mess	k) a piece of paper with written instructions or information on it
12. note	l) in the end, after a long time
13. lock (noun)	m) a large group of animals, e.g. cows, elephants etc.
14. ring	n) a person who cooks in a restaurant or hotel
15. lecture	o) quick, at great speed
16. process	p) a long plastic or rubber pipe used to water gardens
17. public	q) the position towards which someone moves or faces

EXERCISE TWO

Listen to the student next to you and complete the sentences below with the appropriate false friends from HIS OR HER DEFINITIONS B.

EXAMPLE: Student A: *This is 'a tree or bush which is green all year round, in summer and winter'.*

Student B: *We have a lot of evergreen trees in our garden.*

- 1) The local shop has a good _____ of postcards and guidebooks.
- 2) _____ is not allowed anywhere in the building.
- 3) It's a _____ to waste food when so many people in the world are hungry.
- 4) She _____ a lot of money on clothes.
- 5) A _____ is a religious group which often has extreme beliefs or customs.
- 6) That boat was carved out of a single tree _____.
- 7) Paul is an _____ in the local graveyard.
- 8) We bought our tables and chairs from a big furniture _____ outside town.
- 9) After a _____ shower, the sun came out.
- 10) The killer made a full _____ to the police.
- 11) Start a new _____ by pressing the 'Enter' key on your keyboard.
- 12) After 10 minutes, they suddenly _____ they'd watched the film before.
- 13) Their music is a _____ of jazz and African rhythms.
- 14) Susan _____ too much on new, fashionable clothes.