

folly

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[ˈfɒli] *n*

1. глупость, безрассудство; безумие
2. 1) глупый, безрассудный поступок
what you propose is sheer folly! - ваше предложение - чистое безумие!
to pay for one's folly - расплачиваться за собственное безрассудство
- 2) прихоть, каприз, причуда
follies of fashion - причуды моды

II

[ˈfɒli] *n архим.*
искусственные руины (*парковое украшение*); причудливо украшенная беседка

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folly [folly follies] BrE [ˈfɒli] ^m NAmE [ˈfɑːli] ^m noun (pl. follies)

1. **uncountable, countable** a lack of good judgement; the fact of doing sth stupid; an activity or idea that shows a lack of judgement

Syn: ↑stupidity

- an act of sheer folly
- Giving up a secure job seems to be the height of folly.
- ~ **(to do sth)** It would be folly to turn the offer down.
- the follies of youth
- His idealism had been soured by the varied spectacle of human folly.

2. **countable** a building that has no practical purpose but was built in the past for decoration, often in the garden of a large country house

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French folie 'madness', in modern French also 'delight, favourite dwelling' (compare with sense 2), from fol 'fool, foolish'.

Example Bank:

- Suddenly she saw the folly of it all.
- That would be an act of sheer folly!
- These facts demonstrate the folly of the policy.
- They have finally seen the folly of their ways.
- To sign away his rights to the book would have been the height of folly.

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folly /ˈfɒli \$ ˈfɑːli BrE ^m AmE ^m noun (plural follies)[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: folie, from fol; ⇒ ↑fool¹]

1. **[uncountable and countable] formal** a very stupid thing to do, especially one that is likely to have serious results:
Somerville bitterly regretted his folly at becoming involved.

it would be folly to do something

- It would be sheer folly to reduce spending on health education.
- the follies of aristocratic society

2. **[countable]** an unusual building that was built in the past as a decoration, not to be used or lived in

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