

fallacy

[ˈfæləsi] *n*

- ошибка, заблуждение
a statement based on fallacy - ошибочное утверждение
popular fallacies - обычные заблуждения
- ошибочность; обманчивость
the fallacy of friendship - ненадёжность дружбы
- 1) софизм, ложный аргумент
2) софистика
3) ложный вывод (в статистике)

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

fallacy [fallacy fallacies] *BrE* [ˈfæləsi] *AmE* [ˈfæləsi] *noun* (pl. fallacies)

- countable** a false idea that many people believe is true
• It is a fallacy to say that the camera never lies.
- uncountable, countable** a false way of thinking about sth
• He detected the fallacy of her argument.

see also ↑pathetic fallacy

Word Origin:

late 15th cent. (in the sense 'deception, guile'; gradually superseding Middle English fallace): from Latin *fallacia*, from *fallax*, *fallac-* 'deceiving', from *fallere* 'deceive'.

Example Bank:

- It's a fallacy to say that the camera never lies.
- The idea that all women want children is a common fallacy.
- There's a widespread fallacy that longer working hours mean increased productivity.

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[Date: 1400-1500; Language: Latin; Origin: fallacia, from fallere 'to deceive']

- [countable]** a false idea or belief, especially one that a lot of people believe is true **SYN misconception:**
It's a common fallacy that a neutered dog will become fat and lazy.
- [uncountable and countable] formal** a weakness in someone's argument or ideas which is caused by a mistake in their thinking **SYN flaw**
⇒ ↑pathetic fallacy
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THESAURUS

■ something that is untrue

- myth** something a lot of people believe because they want to believe it, not because it is based on fact: The first myth about motherhood is that new mothers instantly fall in love with their babies. | Contrary to popular myth, our streets are much safer now than they were 100 years ago.
- illusion** a belief or idea that is false, especially a belief in something good about yourself or about the situation you are in: Alcohol gives people the illusion of being witty and confident. | People bought the land under the illusion that the value would increase.
- misconception** an idea that is not true but which people believe because they do not have all the facts, or they have not properly understood the situation: It's a common misconception that vaccinations given in childhood last for life. | Employers seem to share the general misconception that young people are more efficient than older workers.
- delusion** a completely mistaken idea, which affects your behaviour and what you decide to do: He began to suffer from paranoid delusions. | Many people labour under the delusion (=have the delusion) that anything which says 'natural ingredients' on the label must be harmless. | the delusion that women control most of the world's wealth and power
- fallacy** if you say that something is a fallacy, you mean that it is completely wrong to believe that it is true: The idea that a good night's sleep will cure everything is a complete fallacy. | It's a fallacy that all fat people are fat simply because they eat too much.

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