

hoax

1. [həʊks] *n*
 - 1) мистификация розыгрыш; трюк
to play a hoax on smb. - разыграть /провести, одурачить/ кого-л.
 - 2) обман, надувательство; ложный слух, «утка»; ложная тревога
a literary [scientific] hoax - литературная[научная] подделка *или* мистификация
2. [həʊks] *v*
 - 1) мистифицировать разыгрывать; подшутить
 - 2) обманывать, надувать, водить за нос; пользоваться чьей-л. доверчивостью
even the experts were hoaxed - даже специалисты были введены в заблуждение /сбиты с толку/

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hoax [hoax hoaxes hoaxed hoaxing] *noun, verb* *BrE* [həʊks] [ⓘ] *NAmE* [həʊks]

noun

an act intended to make sb believe sth that is not true, especially sth unpleasant

- a bomb hoax
- hoax calls
- The emergency call turned out to be a hoax.

Word Origin:

late 18th cent. (as a verb): probably a contraction of hocus.

Example Bank:

- He had been the victim of a computer virus hoax.
- It turned out to be an elaborate hoax.
- The organizers staged a hoax on some of the competitors.
- a hoax perpetrated by the British government
- Detectives are still investigating the hoax calls.
- He was accused of using a bomb hoax to empty a rival restaurant.
- The so-called 'Iron Age' remains turned out to be an elaborate hoax.

Derived Word ↑ **hoaxer**

verb ~ **sb**

to trick sb by making them believe sth that is not true, especially sth unpleasant

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	hoax
	BrE /həʊks/
	NAmE /həʊks/
he / she / it	hoaxes
	BrE /həʊksɪz/
	NAmE /həʊksɪz/
past simple, past participle	hoaxed
	BrE /həʊkst/
	NAmE /həʊkst/
-ing form	hoaxing
	BrE /həʊksɪŋ/
	NAmE /həʊksɪŋ/

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- He hoaxed us by sending a friend instead of coming himself. We'd never met him so we had no reason to think it wasn't him.

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[Date: 1700-1800; Origin: Probably from hocus; ⇨ ↑ **hocus-pocus**]

1. a false warning about something dangerous:
 - a bomb hoax
 - hoax calls (=telephone calls giving false information) to the police
2. an attempt to make people believe something that is not true:
 - an elaborate hoax

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Freakuency Pack

12500 **9548** ^{MCW}
 15000 **8340** ^{COCA}
 RANGE: **8k** **HOAX** 1082

hoax 905
hoaxed 0
hoaxing 8
hoaxes 148
hoaxer 11
hoaxers 10

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

⁵⁸⁰**23605**⁸³³ *nn1*
³⁰**141857**³⁰ *vv0*
²⁰**168123**²² *nnu*
¹¹**202043**¹⁶ *np1*
⁴**453118**⁴ *vvi*
