



FALSE FRIENDS

1. Which **degree** are you going to study at university, Jack?
Which **career** are you going to study at university, Jack?
2. I wish he'd stop **boasting** about his new sports car.
I wish he'd stop **presuming** about his new sports car.
3. I thought her uncle was a bit **strange** but everyone else seemed to think he was normal.
I thought her uncle was a bit **rare** but everyone else seemed to think he was normal.
4. **Nowadays**, food manufacturers use corn syrup instead of sucrose to sweeten candy bars.
Actually, food manufacturers use corn syrup instead of sucrose to sweeten candy bars.
5. The fabric of the dress was wonderfully **soft**.
The fabric of the dress was wonderfully **suave**.
6. Did you remember to **stir** my coffee? I can't taste the sugar.
Did you remember to **remove** my coffee? I can't taste the sugar.
7. Taxis charge a higher **rate** at night and on holidays.
Taxis charge a higher **tariff** at night and on holidays.
8. How many people **attended / went to** the meeting last night?
How many people **assisted** the meeting last night?
9. Kirsten ate some prawns that were off and **got food-poisoning**.
Kirsten ate some prawns that were off and **was intoxicated**.
10. I've tried to be **understanding** with your little brother but he's always so cheeky.
I've tried to be **comprehensive** with your little brother but he's always so cheeky.