

FALSE FRIENDS

False friends are words that look similar in both English and French, but that mean completely different things. They can be very tricky since you might assume they are the same word, and it can create misunderstandings.

Here are the most important false friends you need to know.

LIST OF FALSE FRIENDS

<i>False friend</i>	<i>Actual translation</i>
actuellement	currently
attendre	to wait for
demander	to ask / to ask for
la librairie	the bookstore
la bibliothèque	the library
le pain	bread
le raisin	the grape
le raisin sec	the raisin
la monnaie	the change
le collègue	middle school
le professeur (le prof)	the teacher
passer un examen	to take an exam
réussir un examen	to pass an exam
rester	to stay
regarder	to watch
sale	dirty
les soldes	sales (as in "discount season")
sympa (sympathique)	nice, friendly

A1 Worksheet - False friends

formidable	great, wonderful
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💡 Here's the song called "Formidable" if you like francophone music !
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S_xH7noaqTA