

UNIT 17: CAN I TRUST YOU?



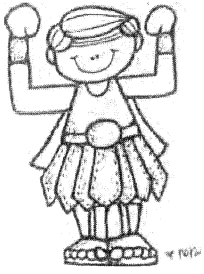
Root Word	Meaning	Origin
fals/fall	deceive, lie, wrong	Latin
cert/cred	believe, sure, trust	Latin
phob	fear	Greek



- false** (adj) - not real or genuine; used to say that something is not really what it seems to be; not true or accurate
*I just had to speak up and tell the truth because everything she said was **false**.*
- fallacy** (n) - a wrong belief; a false or mistaken idea
*In the 1400s, there was a widely accepted **fallacy** that the Earth was the center of the universe.*
- falsify** (v) - to make something false; to change something in order to make people believe something that is not true
*The politician tried to **falsify** data in order to hide illegal campaign money.*
- certain** (adj) - not having any doubt about something; convinced or sure
*After seeing all of the dark clouds that filled the sky, I was **certain** it would rain.*
- credulous** (adj) - too ready to believe things; easily fooled or cheated
*I have to look out for my **credulous** little brother so others don't take advantage of him.*
- credence** (n) - belief that something is true; the quality of being believed or accepted as something true or real
*Copernicus's theory that the sun was the center of the universe began to gain **credence** after his death.*
- credible** (adj) - able to be believed; reasonable to trust or believe
*It's important to use the most **credible** sources when writing a research report.*
- creed** (n) - a statement of the basic beliefs of a religion; an idea or set of beliefs that guides the actions of a person or group
*I live by the **creed** "do to others as you would have them do to you."*
- phobia** (n) - an extremely strong dislike or fear of someone or something
*Morris had a major **phobia** of water and avoided it all costs.*
- claustrophobic** (adj) - having a fear of being in closed or small spaces; used to describe a small closed in room with little space
*The low ceilings and the absence of windows gave the office a **claustrophobic** feel.*

17A: SENTENCE COMPLETION

DIRECTIONS: Complete the following sentences with the correct word from your list.
Each word will be used only once.



- false
- fallacy
- falsify
- certain
- credulous
- credence
- credible
- creed
- phobia
- claustrophobic

1. Even though she is one of the most _____ people I know, she will never believe that story.
2. I am trying to overcome my _____ of heights by mountain climbing.
3. My grandmother wears _____ teeth.
4. Dane is very _____, so I believed his reason for being late.
5. If I am in a crowded elevator I start to feel _____.
6. If you _____ any information on your application, the bank will not approve your loan.
7. I don't give much _____ to superstitions like "seven years bad luck for breaking a mirror."
8. The idea that the sun revolves around Earth is a _____.
9. After seeing his teacher's happy expression, he was _____ he had aced the test.
10. The club's _____ was to help all people in need.

17B: YES or NO?

DIRECTIONS: Respond to the following statements by circling "Yes" or "No."

1. **Yes No** A **phobia** can make you frightened and nervous.
2. **Yes No** If you **falsify** information you are not a honest person.
3. **Yes No** A **credulous** person is very untrustworthy.
4. **Yes No** You can follow or live by a **creed**.
5. **Yes No** If you give **credence** to something you don't believe in it.
6. **Yes No** **Certain** events are ones that will happen.
7. **Yes No** The idea that fire is hot is a **fallacy**.
8. **Yes No** A large outdoor field will likely make you feel **claustrophobic**.
9. **Yes No** A **credible** witness is one that you can trust and believe.
10. **Yes No** If information is **false** that means that it is not true.