

## 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 that means 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.