How to Use the Longman Dictionary, Part 1

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true

Word family (noun) truth ≠ untruth truthfulness (adjective) true ≠ untrue truthful ≠ untruthful (adverb) truly truthfully ≠ untruthfully true

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true[1] /tru:/ ●●● S1 W1 adjective

1 NOT FALSE based on facts and not imagined or invented OPP false → truly, truth

it is true (that)

- It's not true that I'm going to marry him.
- No, honestly, it's a **true story**.
- Students decide if statements are **true or false**.

true of

- The same is true of all political parties.

true for

- This is especially true for old people.
- It's generally **true to say that** fewer people are needed nowadays.
- The results appear to **hold true** (=still be correct) for other countries.

→ **too good to be true**, → **not ring true**

2 REAL [only before noun] the true nature of something is its real nature, which may be hidden or not known SYN real

true value/cost etc (of something)

- The house was sold for only a fraction of its true value.
- We need to understand the **true extent** of the problem.

true nature/meaning/identity etc (of something)

- She wasn't aware of the true nature of their relationship.
- She managed to conceal her **true feelings**.
- After a couple of days she showed her **true self** (=real character).

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