

Logical Fallacies – short list

1. **Ad hominem** (meaning "against the person") – attacks the person and not the issue
Example: After Sally presents an eloquent and compelling case for a more equitable taxation system, Sam asks the audience whether we should believe anything from a woman who isn't married, was once arrested, and smells a bit weird.
2. **Appeal to emotions** – manipulates people's emotions in order to get their attention away from an important issue
Example: Luke didn't want to eat his sheep's brains with chopped liver and brussel sprouts, but his father told him to think about the poor, starving children in a third world country who weren't fortunate enough to have any food at all.
3. **Bandwagon** – creates the impression that everybody is doing it and so should you
Example: BTS is really popular, so obviously they're a very good band.
4. **False dilemma** – limits the possible choices to avoid consideration of another choice
Example: We either prevent the banning of methyl bromide or California agriculture will be completely destroyed.
5. **False cause** – wrongly assumes a cause and effect relationship
Example: I walked under a ladder and had bad luck all day.
6. **Hasty generalization** (or jumping to conclusions) – draws a conclusion about a population based on a small sample
Example: You visit a new country and the first person you meet in the airport is rude. You send a message to a friend back home that everyone in this new country is rude.
7. **Red herring** – presents an irrelevant topic to divert attention away from the original issue
Example: I understand you want to know what happened at the embassy. What is really important is to talk about whether the government has enough cash flow to stay open through the month.
8. **Begging the Question**, aka **Circular Reasoning** – defending your claim with your claim
Example: Eating meat is wrong because it's immoral. (Immoral means wrong.)
9. **Slippery Slope** – asserting that if we let something happen, the consequences will be far beyond what is realistic
Example: If we ban cars running on fossil fuels, it will throw millions of people out of work and ruin the economy.
10. **Genetic** – avoiding an argument by shifting focus onto something's or someone's origins
Example: Accused on the 6 o'clock news of corruption and taking bribes, the senator said that we should all be very wary of the things we hear in the media, because we all know how very unreliable the media can be.

Many examples above adapted from <https://yourlogicalfallacyis.com/>.

You can find a fairly comprehensive list at <https://www.iep.utm.edu/fallacy/>.
Note that the same fallacy might be named differently on different sites.