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Definition of FAULT

1 *obsolete* **:** LACK

2 **a :** WEAKNESS, FAILING; *especially* **:** a moral weakness less serious than a vice

b : a physical or intellectual imperfection or impairment **:** DEFECT

c : an error especially in service in a net or racket game

3 **a :** MISDEMEANOR

b : MISTAKE

4 **:** responsibility for wrongdoing or failure <the accident was the driver's *fault*>

5 **:** a fracture in the crust of a planet (as the earth) or moon accompanied by a displacement of one side of the fracture with respect to the other usually in a direction parallel to the fracture

— **at fault**

1 **:** unable to find the scent and continue chase

2 **:** open to blame **:** RESPONSIBLE <couldn't determine who was really *at fault*>

— **to a fault**

: to an excessive degree <precise *to a fault*>

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Examples of FAULT

- Lack of courage is his worst *fault*.
- If the book has a *fault*, it's that it's too long.
- It's your own *fault* you missed that bus.
- Through no *fault* of his own, he won't be able to attend the meeting.

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- She committed too many *faults* to win the match.

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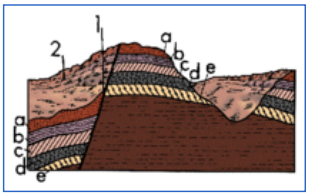

Origin of FAULT

Middle English *faute, falte,* from Anglo-French, from Vulgar Latin **fallita,* from feminine of *fallitus,* past participle of Latin *fallere* to deceive, disappoint

First Known Use: 13th century

Related to FAULT

Synonyms: demerit, dereliction, failing, foible, frailty, shortcoming, sin, vice, want, weakness, feet of clay

Antonyms: merit, virtue

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Synonym Discussion of FAULT

FAULT, FAILING, FRAILTY, FOIBLE, VICE mean an imperfection or weakness of character. FAULT implies a failure, not necessarily culpable, to reach some standard of perfection in disposition, action, or habit <a writer of many virtues and few *faults*>. FAILING suggests a minor shortcoming in character <being late is a *failing* of mine>. FRAILTY implies a general or chronic proneness to yield to temptation <human *frailties*>. FOIBLE applies to a harmless or endearing weakness or idiosyncrasy <an eccentric's charming *foibles*>. VICE can be a general term for any imperfection or weakness, but it often suggests violation of a moral code or the giving of offense to the moral sensibilities of others <compulsive gambling was his *vice*>.

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