

Note: Many of these are not fallacies. Go through the list, trying to decide (1) which fallacious appeal the student had in mind when creating the example, (2) whether the example is, in fact, that fallacy, and (3) if not, why not.

1. Sarah accidentally gave me a \$20 bill instead of a \$5 bill, but I don't plan telling her because she never returned that white skirt that she borrowed from me.
2. According to recent polls at San Jose State, 75% of SJSU students say that parking at school is horrible, so it must be.
3. Teacher to student: If you don't throw away your gum right now, I'm going to fail you in the class!
4. Please don't be mad at me for not showing up at your party because you know that me and my boyfriend have been having problems lately and we had to try and work things out with each other because if we didn't he would have left for New York and I wouldn't have been able to see him again and it would be over for good.
5. C'mon, pay for my dinner tonight, I know you can afford it because you're a real man.
6. "Mom, I know I got home late, but if you tell my dad, I'll tell the cops you hit me."
7. "Maggie I know I cheated, but friends have to stick together."
8. "Teacher, I know that I did not do as good as you were expecting, but you see I have two jobs to pay my tuition plus I have to wake up at five in the morning to drive more than an hour to get to school, not only that out I get out of my second job at eleven so I only get three to four hours of sleep."
9. "Boss, I know I missed job a lot but, there has to be special treatment for people who served in Iraq."
10. "Honey, I know I am late, but did I mentioned that you look very cute with that hair cut."
11. It's ok to park in the handicapped place, because my brother parked their last weekend and he didn't get a ticket.
12. It's ok if you skip the next cheerleading tryout, because you are the prettiest girl in the group.
13. She won't make a good lab partner, because she is blonde and all blondes are dumb.
14. The iPod is the most purchased mp3 player so it must be the best choice in the market.
15. I deserve another trout for the soccer team because during the tryout I had the flu and my leg hurt.
16. You absolutely need this magic skin-care set to make yourself look 10 years younger; our valued customers include famous Hollywood celebrities.
17. Lots of women lie about their ages.
18. It is OK to cheat on my spouse and have a lover since lots of people in this world do this to their spouses and never get caught.
19. I am going to steal just one bike since my bike was stolen by somebody.
20. I am going to start to play games with girls and dump them to break their hearts since my ex-girlfriend did this to me.
21. If you keep gambling, you might lose all your money; then you will use your credit card to cash advance more money to gamble; at the end, you will find yourself buried in debts and out on the street.
22. John, I am telling you now, if you dare to tell this secret to anybody, I am going to chop your head off.
23. Officer, I know I am speeding, but you are aware that we are both Caucasians. Should one white person give ticket to another?
24. Professor, I know I did not finish the homework, but I had a serious stomach ache that tortured me for a couple of days and I did not eat anything for a whole day.
25. I am not going to give this job to Linda even though she is qualified since women do not have the same energy as men do and never make good engineers.
26. Since we both got fined by this library and hate them, let's steal some books from this library together.
27. My dear manager, I know lost the company money, but I just love to work in this department, because you are such a good manager and I've never see anyone better than you.
28. I can smoke marijuana because everybody else does.
29. If you fail the next English test you won't get a good job.
30. I'm never going to start a fire in my house. Why should I pay taxes?
31. Tom Cruise supports prop. 87, so should you.
32. I think my son should start since you and I played together in college.
33. If you don't stop using drugs, then I will break off this engagement.
34. Erika will never rat us out because she has loyalty to this sorority.
35. Teacher, please don't fail me in this class because if you do then I will get kicked out of SJSU.
36. Don't let Doug hang with us because he is in the Special Ed class.
37. My friend forgot to ask for her change so I'm going to keep it because that's what she would do to me.
38. You should always wear your seatbelt or else you will get in a car accident and die and your family will be depressed for the rest of their lives.
39. If you don't do what I say you'd better watch your back.
40. I'm sorry I stole your muffin but I needed it because I hadn't eaten all day and I felt so sick from hunger I thought I was going to throw up.
41. Mr. Meshner, I got a really bad grade on my essay, but I'm sure such a well educated and wonderful teacher like your self would let me rewrite it to improve.
42. 1 out of every 2 people will die tomorrow.
43. Most people think that I am smart.
44. If I drive while drunk then I will crash.
45. Michael Jordan thinks that his shoes are the best.
46. Everyone is buying this movie, so you should too.
47. "Mommy, all of my friends have dolls, so I want some, too."
48. "Grandma, you cooked Thanksgiving dinner last year and every year before that, so do it again this year."
49. "Look, you dirty, stupid teacher, I know I am turning the essay in late, but if you even THINK of giving me a failing grade or not accepting my essay, you will NEVER hear the end of it!"

50. Arnold lives in Sacramento, so he knows everything about that city's NBA team.
51. If you do not give me my money I will kill your mother.
52. 80% of people say that Tom Hanks is our president.
53. All Americans support the war in Iraq.
54. My mother is dying in the hospital and my dog just got ran over so I cannot go to class today.
55. Animals are being brutally abused by breeders every day.
56. If you don't eat you're vegetables then I wont give you cake.
57. If you put on that blue shirt I'm not going to be your friend.
58. If your homework isn't done I'm going to have to lock you in the closet.
59. I know I came in after curfew but you remember how you lost track of time when you were younger. As a matter of fact you look really beautiful this evening like you're ten years younger.
60. Talking on your cell phone while driving is illegal
61. Talking on your cell phone while driving is dangerous.
62. I want to buy those shoes because everyone wears them at school and they are so cool!
63. If I get sick during the school year, I'll miss a bunch of class and I'll fail all my classes and never graduate, never succeed and never live a happy life.
64. I'm going to steal stuff from work, they always cheat me from my hours anyway.
65. I'm running this red light, everyone does it here and never gets tickets anyway.
66. I have the flu, my friend told me I had it and he has taken a few health classes so he must be right.
67. I'm going to buy Cover Girl makeup since Queen Latifah was advertising it in a commercial.
68. It's okay to steal some gum without paying for it. Everyone does it once in a while.
69. I'm not going to tell my boss that I've been getting paid for two extra hours because he still hasn't given me a raise.
70. If you continue watching too much television, you are going to become addicted, you will become more stupid, and you will eventually have no friends.
71. If you tell mom that I took some of her money, you better make sure you sleep with one eye open tonight.
72. Polls show that 3/4's of the country believe George W. Bush is the worst president in the history of the U.S. George W. Bush is the worst President of U.S. history.
73. Murderers should be killed, after all, murdering is wrong.
74. Hey Johnny, you should give me your lunch, or else you might find yourself stuffed in your locker.
75. Frank, you're not going to tell the teacher we're smoking ... you want to cool like us, don't you?
76. Please donate to the Hungry Child Fund, if you don't donate \$100, 3 starving children will die... you don't want to be responsible for that do you?

Answer Key

1. Appeal to Common Practice / Two Wrongs Make a Right (DAU).
2. Appeal to Common Belief (DAU).
3. Probably not an appeal to fear – not extreme enough, and anyway the connection between failure and disobedience isn't that far-fetched.
4. Appeal to Pity (DAU). Ok, but as we discussed in class this seems overly long for an appeal to pity, yet not indirect enough for an appeal to indirect consequences.
5. Appeal to Vanity (DAU).
6. Probably not an appeal to fear, which is usually some sort of physical or emotional threat.
7. Appeal to Loyalty (MC).
8. Might be appeal to pity, but this might also be just a statement of fact. There's no explicit appeal being made.
9. It's hard to know on this one. If missing work was caused by a service-related problem, then this doesn't seem to be a fallacy at all. Appeal to prejudice implies that the boss already has this prejudice, which seems unlikely. Might have worked better, reworded, as appeal to loyalty.
10. Appeal to Vanity (MC).
11. Not appeal to common belief or two wrongs make a right. In "two wrongs," it usually works that someone has done something wrong, so you are going to do something wrong in retaliation. Here's it's just that you are going to do something wrong, too.
12. Might be appeal to vanity (RS), though if it's in the speaker's power to excuse her from practice, then this isn't a fallacy at all.
13. Appeal to prejudice (RS).
14. Bandwagon (RS).
15. Possibly a sob story (RS), but also possibly a perfectly good reason to be granted another tryout.
16. Not really appeal to authority (JZ), since the celebrities themselves aren't endorsing the product.
17. Not a fallacy; just a statement of fact, whether true or not.
18. Appeal to Common Practice, Appeal to Tradition (JZ):
19. Two wrongs make a right (JZ):
20. Two wrongs make a right (JZ):
21. Appeal to Indirect Consequences (JZ):
22. Appeal to Fear (JZ):
23. Appeal to Loyalty (JZ):
24. Appeal to pity (JZ):
25. Appeal to Prejudice (JZ):
26. Probably "two wrongs" and not "appeal to spite" because this doesn't evoke sufficient hatred.
27. Appeal to Vanity (JZ):
28. Appeal to common practice (EB) – as long as "I can" means "It's ok for me to."
29. Appeal to indirect consequences (EB) – maybe, but we need more context to see how distant the test is from the job, and what intervenes.
30. I have no idea what the connection is here.
31. Appeal to authority (EB).
32. Appeal to loyalty (EB), at least implicitly.
33. Probably not appear to fear (CC), because there's no physical threat, and breaking of the engagement seems a reasonable thing to do in the circumstances.
34. Probably not appeal to loyalty (CC), because there's no appeal. It just seems to be a comment about someone.

35. Might be appeal to pity (CC), but it doesn't evoke much emotion.
36. Appeal to Prejudice (CC).
37. Appeal to Common Practice/Two wrongs make a right (SS).
38. Is this appeal to indirect consequence (SS)? The problem here is with the connection between wearing a seat belt and getting into an accident. Once you get in the accident, the consequences start, and your family feeling depressed doesn't seem that indirect. But the accident doesn't seem to be a consequence of seat-belt use, direct or not, so this is probably a fallacy we haven't studied yet.
39. Appeal to fear (SS).
40. Might be appeal to pity (SS), or it might be just an explanation.
41. Appeal to vanity (SS).
42. Too far-fetched to be an appeal to information (DL).
43. Not an appeal to common belief (DL). Depending on the definition, if most people think you are smart, you might be.
44. I'm not sure what this is supposed to be doing.
45. Not appeal to authority (DL) – everyone has a right to an opinion, even Michael Jordan. The fallacy is accepting the opinion of someone who isn't an expert – but there's no appeal here for you to do so.
46. Not appeal to common belief (DL), but it might be appeal to common practice, or bandwagon.
47. Not appeal to common belief (PW)—sounds more like appeal to common practice.
48. This is trying to be appeal to tradition or appeal to common practice (PW), but it doesn't sound like it because we're not sure why the grandmother should prepare Thanksgiving again this year.
49. Appeal to fear, but not appeal to spite or anger (PW).
50. Not exactly appeal to authority (PW) – to be the fallacy, Arnold would have to give his "expert" opinion on the basketball team; someone else vouching for him doesn't work.
51. Appeal to fear (AB).
52. Not appeal to belief, because it's missing the appeal, "so it must be true" (AB).
53. Could be appeal to loyalty (AB), but then it would have to say "should support" or "all real Americans," or something.
54. Doesn't sound like appeal to pity (AB)—if it's true, then the person probably can't come to class.
55. No appeal, so no appeal to emotion (AB).
56. Not appeal to fear (KL)—how much "fear" does not having cake inspire.
57. Not threatening enough to be appeal to fear (KL).
58. Appeal to Fear (KL).
59. Appeal to Vanity (KL), though the implication is that you usually look old, and so this is probably an ineffective appeal.
60. Not appeal to common belief (KL), because there's no appeal.
61. Not appeal to common belief (KL), because there's no appeal.
62. Explaining the reason you want something probably cannot be a fallacy. Appeal to common belief, or bandwagon, would be just, "These are cool because the other kids think so."
63. Appeal to indirect consequences, or slippery slope (JC).
64. Appeal to common practice-Two wrongs make a right (JC).
65. Not appeal to common belief (JC)—where's the opinion poll? This is probably another appeal to common practice.
66. Not a great authority, but probably not a fallacy, either, since the friend has some claim to knowledge in this area, and we aren't be confused by his reputation in some other area.
67. Might be appeal to authority (AF), but it would be clearer if you said, "This makeup is the best, because Queen Latifah recommends it in a commercial."
68. Appeal to Common Practice (AF).
69. Two wrongs make a right (AF).
70. Appeal to Indirect Consequences (AF).
71. Appeal to Fear (AF).
72. Not appeal to common belief (VB), because people's beliefs are what determine whether a president is good or bad.
73. This would only work as "Two wrongs make a right" (VB), if both sides agreed that executing someone was wrong – which I don't think they would.
74. Appeal to Force (VB).
75. Appeal to Loyalty (VB).
76. This sounds more like an appeal to guilt than an appeal to pity (VB). We're not given descriptions that would play on our pity.