

Name _____ **Red Herring**



Red Herring Arguments

A red herring is something used to distract someone from something that is relevant or important. For example:

Real Issue	Red Herring
Tony's father, a single parent, works two jobs and expects Tony to help out around the house every week. Tony has not done many of his chores, and his father is reprimanding him.	Tony reminds his father that he is a straight A student. Tony tells his father he should be proud of Tony for getting such good grades.
Nina applies for an after-school job as a lifeguard, even though her parents don't want her to work while she's in high school. They want her to focus on her studies.	Nina tells her parents that they have old-fashioned ideas. For example, they expect her to get married and start a family when that may not be what she wants for her life.

DIRECTIONS: Describe a time when you or someone you know used a red herring in a conversation or an argument. What was the real issues at hand? What was the red herring?
