

# red herring *(red-her-ring)*

## Definition

n. 1 any diversion intended to distract attention from the main issue; 2 a dried and smoked herring having a reddish color; 3 a first draft of a prospectus

## Example Sentence

Mark gave the detective a **red herring** clue about the missing ball.

## Synonyms

diversion; deflection; misleading clue

## Antonyms

truth

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