



Parallel Reason

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- 26 Is forgery 'art'? Received opinion says not, despite it unquestionably being a craft. This has nothing to do with it being illegal or immoral, though it may be both. The standard objection is that it is copying, and therefore not creative. But how is that an objection when all art is ultimately a copy of something? Is a picture of a ship or a hay-wagon or a bowl of fruit not art? If all art is copying, then forgery, by definition, is art.

Which one of the following makes the same reasoning error as the above argument?

- A Water is liquid and liquid is fluid, so water is a fluid.
- B Petrol is flammable and volatile, so everything volatile is flammable.
- C Being overweight is unhealthy so maintaining the right weight is healthy.
- D The French are European and Spaniards are European, so the French are Spaniards.