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faulty, *adj.* and *adv.*

Pronunciation: Brit. /'fɔ:lti/, /'fɒlti/, U.S. /'fɔlti/
, /'falti/

Forms: ME, 18 *dial.* **fauty**, ME **fawty(e)**, ME **fawte**, 15 **fawtie**, **fautye**, 15–16 **faultie**, (15 **faulte** ...

Frequency (in current use):

Etymology: < FAULT *v.* + -Y *suffix*¹, perhaps after French *fautif*.

A. *adj.*

1. Containing faults, blemishes or defects; defective, imperfect, unsound.

a. of material things.

b. of immaterial things.

2. Of persons, their qualities, etc.: Having imperfections or failings; apt to do wrong or come short of duty.