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per·fi·dy (pûr fî-dē)

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n. pl. per·fi·dies

1. Deliberate breach of faith; calculated violation of trust; treachery: *"the fink, whose perfidy was equaled only by his gall"* (Gilbert Millstein).
2. The act or an instance of treachery.

[Latin *perfidia*, from *perfidus*, treacherous : *per-*, to destruction; see [PER-](#) + *fidēs*, faith; see **bheidh-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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