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n. pl. fol·lies

1. Lack of good sense, understanding, or foresight: *an act of folly*
2.
 - a. An act or instance of foolishness: *regretted the follies of his youth.*
 - b. A costly undertaking having an absurd or ruinous outcome.
3. **follies** (*used with a sing. or pl. verb*) An elaborate theatrical revue consisting of music, dance, and skits.
4. A structure, such as a pavilion in a garden, that is chiefly decorative rather than practical in purpose.

[Middle English *folie*, from Old French, from *fol*, foolish, from Late Latin *follis*, windbag, fool; see [FOOL](#).]

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