

Explicit examples of logical fallacies in *Love is a Fallacy* by Max Shulman

A dicto simpliciter ("an argument based on an unqualified generalization") - the example given in the story is:

Exercise is good. Therefore everybody should exercise.

Hasty generalization (or "fallacy of insufficient sample") - example given in the story is

Post hoc ergo propter hoc ("after it, therefore because of it", or "confusing coincidental relationships with cause") - from the story:

Contradictory Premises ("self-contradiction") - from the story:

Ad Misericordiam ("appeal to pity") - example given in the story:

False Analogy - example from the text:

Argumentum ad speculum ("hypothesis contrary to fact") - from the text:

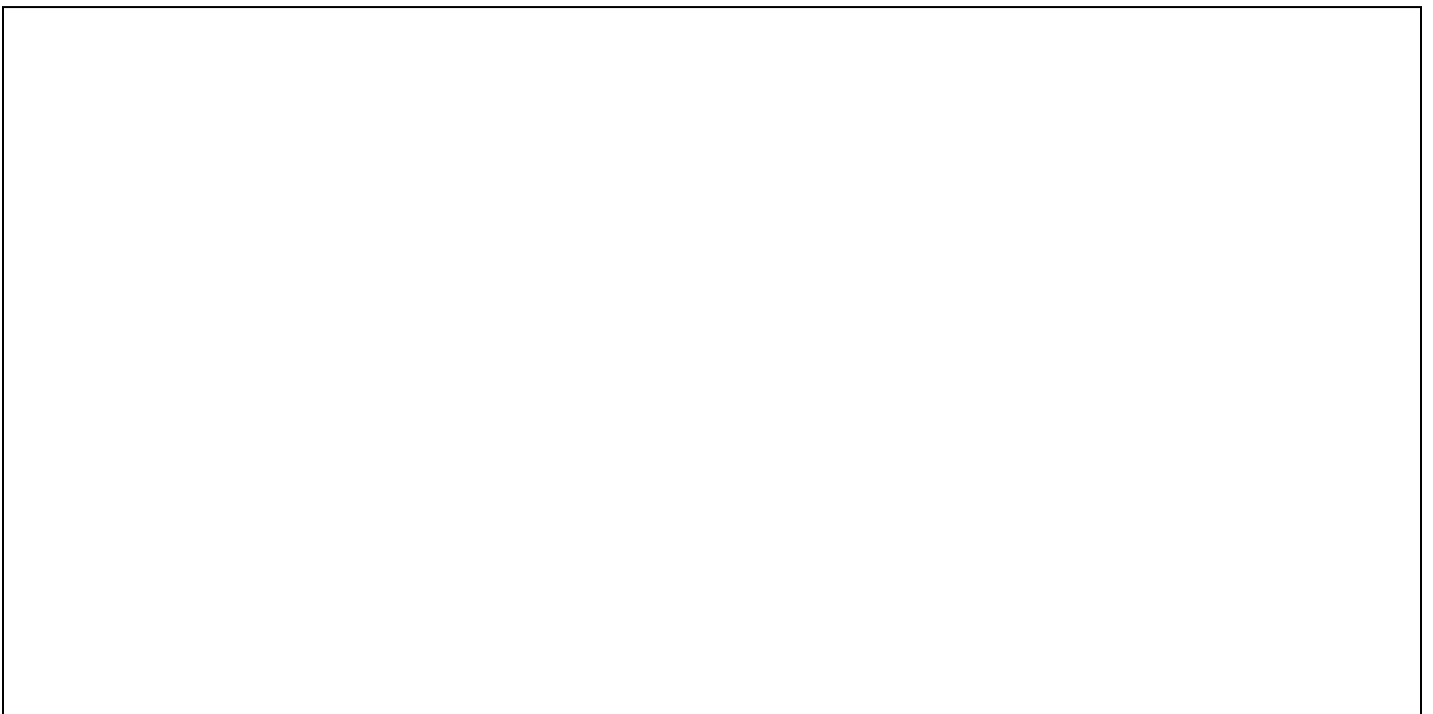
Poisoning the Well - (a specialization of *ad hominem*) - from the story:

Implicit Fallacies

Red herring ("wild goose chase") - from the text (hint: Look to the story for the chase, but what at the end makes it a "wild goose" chase):

False premise- **For this fallacy, we must look to the tale itself.** (hint: How does the narrator make an initial logical fallacy in his pursuit of Polly?)

Below, illustrate one of the fallacies from the short story:

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for the student to draw or write an illustration of a fallacy from the short story.