

# Word List: mal, male = bad; abnormal; worse

## Vocabulary

## Definitions

dismal (adj)

depressing; causing gloom or misery; causing **bad** feelings

malady (n)

**bad** health; illness; sickness

malaria (n)

**bad** air; a disease usually spread by infected mosquitoes

malefactor (n)

an evildoer; a person who does **bad** things

malevolent (adj)

a word that describes a person or character who wishes **bad** things would happen to others

malfeasance (n)

wrongdoing or **bad** conduct by a public official

malice (n)

mischief; evil intent; **bad** will

malignant (adj)

harmful; something **bad** enough that it could result in death when related to cancer

malnourished (adj)

having **bad** health or having poor nutrition

malodorous (adj)

**bad** smell; stinky