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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