

## MASTERING ENGLISH VOCABULARY USING ROOT-WORDS; PART 11

**MAL** - The Latin root word 'mal' means bad or evil.

The following words are based on the root word, '**Mal**' :

1. **MALIGN** (adj.) - harm, bad, destructive, evil. For example, "she has a strong and malign influence"
2. **MALEVOLENT** (adj.) - unkind, impolite, spiteful, wishing ill-will to others.
3. **MALEFACTOR** (noun) - a corrupt and immoral person, wicked.
4. **MALAFIDE** (adj.) - 'malafide' means in bad faith, not genuine, fake, untrustworthy.
5. **MALNUTRITION** (noun) - lack of proper nutrition, poor diet, unbalanced nutrition.
6. **MALICE** (noun) - ill-will, hatred."I bear no malice towards anybody".
7. **MALaise** (noun) - an overall feeling of discomfort and lack of well- being.
8. **MALADROIT** (adj.) - inept, immature.
9. **MALICIOUS** (adj.) - wicked, hostile, harmful, spiteful
10. **MALIGNANT** (noun) - harmful, fatal e.g. malignant tumour.

### **SYNONYMS & ANTONYMS**

#### 1. **MALADROIT** (ADJECTIVE)

**SYNONYMS** - immature, apprentice, novice, inept, amateur (beginner), tyro, crude, incompetent, neophyte.

**ANTONYMS** – adept (knows things in-depth), ept, dexterous, adroit, proficient, versatile, veteran.

#### 2. **MALEVOLENT** (ADJECTIVE)

**SYNONYMS** - hatred, ill-will, spiteful, bitter, venomous, pernicious (harmful), maleficent (evil-doers), vindictive (revengeful), vicious, lousy, malice.

**ANTONYMS** - benevolent, charitable, friendly, humane, compassionate (full of positive feelings), philanthropic (helping poor People, especially by giving them money, generous and charitable), altruistic ( showing selfless concern for the well being of others)