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Latin root meaning
bad or wrong

malevolent

adj. having intense
vicious ill will, spite,
or hatred

malapropism

n. the wrong use of a
word which sounds
similar to another word

malicious

adj. motivated by a
desire to cause harm
or pain to another

malodorous

adj. having a
bad odor

malady

n. a bad disease or
disorder of the body

malaria

n. a disease caused by a parasite in the bite of infected mosquitoes

malediction

n. bad speech or a curse

malefactor

n. one who commits a crime or does wrong

malignant

adj. bad or harmful; able to produce death

malpractice

n. improper or bad behavior by somebody in a professional or official position