

Write and Wrong

Here are some of the bad guys from the world of words. They all share the Latin root *mal*, meaning "bad" or "wrong." For each word listed below, write the letter of the correct definition. Next, circle the correct pronunciation. Use a dictionary to check your answers.

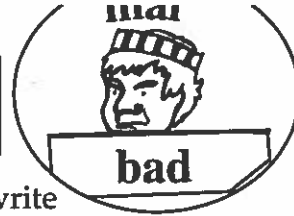
⇒ * Then write the words with definitions on another page

- desiring harm to someone or something else
- bad or harmful, producing death
- illness believed to be spread by bad air, actually spread by mosquitoes
- performing one's duty in a bad or wrong way
- bad-smelling
- one who does wrong; a villain
- having bad feelings toward someone or something; spite, hatred
- bad speech; a curse
- a bad health condition; a disease
- a word used the wrong way; usually with humorous results

	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
_____ 1. malevolent	mă - lěv' - ō - lěnt	mā - lě - vō' - lěnt	māl - ě - vō' - lěnt
_____ 2. malapropism	māl - ă - prōp' - ĭsm	mă - lă' - prōp - ĭsm	māl' - ă - prōp - ĭsm
_____ 3. malicious	māl - ĭ - cē' - ūs	mă - lĭsh' - ūs	māl - i' - shŭs
_____ 4. malodorous	māl - ō' - der - ūs	mal - ō - door' - us	māl - ō - der - ūs'
_____ 5. malady	mă - lă' - dē	māl' - ă - dĭ	māl - ă - dĭ'
_____ 6. malaria	mă - lar - ĭ' - a	mā - lar - ěĕ' - a	mă - lăr' - ĭ - a
_____ 7. malediction	māl - ě - dĭk' - shun	māl - dĭk - tĭ' - un	māl' - dĭk - zhun
_____ 8. malefactor	māl - fāk' - tor	māl' - ě - fāk - ter	māl - fāk' - ter
_____ 9. malignant	māl' - lĭn - ant	mă - lĭ - nănt'	mă - lĭg' - nănt
_____ 10. malpractice	māl - prāk' - tĭs	māl' - prāk - tĭc	māl - prāk - tĭs'



Rest In Peace



Not knowing words can be deadly! For each tombstone clue below, write the most suitable vocabulary word.

1. Here lies the body of Mildred Pink,
Done in by the stink
From her kitchen sink.

2. When I got sick,
says Pauline Peters,
Was it bad air—
Or was it 'skeeters?

3. Blarney Barney
Using the wrong word
was my curse.
Oh well, things could
have been verse.

4. Here lies the body of
Muscles McMillian,
known by all as
our town villain.

5. Roosevelt Ruth
had an aching tooth.
He never should have
Visited Doctor Goof!

6. What's death like?
says Peter Prank.
"Blankety-blank-blank
Blankety-blank."

7. Here lies Timothy Tate,
Eaten up by his very
own hate.

8. Roger Rumor
A deadly tumor put him
In a very bad humor.

9. Miss Mary Louise
Caught a very bad disease.
It made her sneeze
'Til weak in the knees.

10. On the way
To harm a friend,
Jealous Jason
Met his end.



Pardon Me?

Something is not quite right here. For each sentence, cross out the problem word and replace it with the vocabulary word that will make more sense.

1. After several botched surgeries, Dr. Mordred Miles is on trial for medical expertise.
2. Sheila inhaled a deep breath of the fragrant air blowing in from the landfill.
3. Scientists have been studying the puzzling well-being of soldiers exposed to chemical warfare.
4. Muttering angry benedictions, the prisoner shuffled back to his cell.
5. The surgeon was extremely concerned about the benign tumor growing on the young man's arm.
6. For years, people who lived in swampy areas suffered from good air.
7. Her correct words never failed to produce howls of laughter.
8. While the teacher's back was turned, the class bully gave his neighbor a kindly kick in the shins.
9. John Wilkes Booth was the benefactor responsible for Abraham Lincoln's murder.
10. Benevolence is the root of every war.

JUST FOR FUN

See whether you can identify these nursery rhyme characters.

- A. What large family lived in a malodorous home?
- B. Who received malicious blows for stealing a pig?
- C. What pastry chef should have been arrested for malpractice?
- D. What malefactor scared a little girl out of her breakfast?

