Mal

Today, we will learn ten new words. They all have the root mal-. Write only the bold definition of each word. After we study these ten words, see if you can guess what the root mal- means.

1. malevolent: ________________________________
2. malapropism: ______________________________
3. malicious: _________________________________
4. malodorous: _______________________________
5. malady: ________________________________
6. malaria: ________________________________
7. malign: ________________________________
8. malignant: ______________________________
9. malefactor: ______________________________
10. malpractice: ____________________________

What does mal mean? ____________________________
Mal: Bad News!

Directions: Welcome to the Evil League of Evil! You're a new member and you're listening to the other evil villains talk about the terrible things they've done. For every underlined definition, write the correct vocabulary word on the lines below.

TS - "Greetings (1) fellow villains, fellow doers of wrong! We have a new initiate today, so let's tell our newbie what we do here at the Evil League of Evil! I'll start: My villain name is The Stench, and I do my part to bring evil to the world by creating stink bombs so terrifying that they make skunks cringe! I am truly a (2) bad-smelling, stinking, creator of evil!"

PP - "My turn next! I'm Professor Predicate and, when I give lectures at the university, I confuse my students by using (3) incorrect words that sound like real words. By the time my students leave my classroom, they've taken down incorrect notes! They will all fail their exams! Pure evil, right?"

TGG - "I am The Gossip Girl, and I spread my evil by creating rumors (4) that cause others to have bad or spiteful feelings towards other people. I (5) speak evil of people on a regular basis and make everyone feel miserable!"

TUD - "Those three are nothing compared to what I do to people! I am truly a (6) person who desires to harm others, not just confuse them or make them plug their noses! I am The Un-Doctor! If a patient comes to me in need of help, I (7) perform surgery in a wrong way, so that my patients have more complications and have to keep coming back and paying me! I once had a patient who came to me with (8) an infectious disease caused by a mosquito bite, and, instead of giving him medicine, I gave him a bottle of Tic Tacs! No matter what (9) bad health conditions or diseases my patients have, I never actually treat them correctly. My treatments are sometimes (10) so harmful that they kill people! It doesn't get any more evil than that!"

TS - "As you can see, Newbie, we at the Evil League of Evil are on all kinds of evil levels. Are you ready to join our ranks?"

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2. ___________________ 6. ___________________ 10. ___________________
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