

malign

1. [mə'laɪn] a

- 1. пагубный; вредный; дурной
malign influence - дурное /враждебное/ влияние
malign desire - низменное желание
- 2. злобный, злостный, злой
malign character - злобный нрав, скверный характер
malign forces [spirits] - злые силы [духи]
- 3. *мед.* злокачественный

2. [mə'laɪn] v

- клеветать, злословить
to malign an innocent person - оклеветать/опорочить, очернить/ невинного человека

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

ma·lign [malign maligns maligned maligning] *verb, adjective* *BrE* [mə'laɪn] ¹

NAmE [mə'laɪn] ¹

verb ~ **sb/sth** (formal)

to say bad things about sb/sth publicly

Syn: ↑slander

- She feels she has been **much maligned** by the press.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	malign
	BrE /mə'laɪn/
	NAmE /mə'laɪn/
he / she / it	maligns
	BrE /mə'laɪnz/
	NAmE /mə'laɪnz/
past simple, past participle	maligned
	BrE /mə'laɪnd/
	NAmE /mə'laɪnd/
-ing form	maligning
	BrE /mə'laɪnɪŋ/
	NAmE /mə'laɪnɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English: via Old French *maligne* (adjective), *malignier* (verb), based on Latin *malignus* 'tending to evil', from *malus* 'bad'.

Example Bank:

- Those who malign him in this way are simply being dishonest.

adjective usually before noun (formal)

causing harm

- a **malign force/influence/effect**

compare ↑benign

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I. **ma·lign** ¹ /mə'laɪn/ *BrE* ¹ *AmE* ¹ *verb* [transitive usually passive]

[**Date:** 1400-1500; **Language:** Old French; **Origin:** *malignier* 'to do evil, deceive', from Late Latin *malignari*, from Latin *malignus*; ⇒ ↑*malign*²]

to say unpleasant things about someone that are untrue **SYN** slander:

• She had seen herself repeatedly maligned in the newspapers.

• a much maligned politician

II. **malign** ² *BrE* ² *AmE* ² *adjective formal*

[**Date:** 1400-1500; **Language:** Old French; **Origin:** *maligne*, from Latin *malignus*, from male 'badly' + *gigni* 'to be born']

harmful **OPP** benign:

• a malign influence

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RANGE: **6k** MALIGN ²⁴⁶³

malign ²⁰⁶

maligns ¹⁶

maligned ³³⁸

maligning ⁴⁰

malignant 1296
malignantly 10
nonmalignant 27
malignancy 366
malignancies 164

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