

malicious[mə'liʃəs] *a*

1. злобный; злой

malicious smile - злобная /коварная/ усмешка

malicious person - злой человек

malicious reports [gossip] - злостные слухи [сплетни]

malicious tongues - злые языки

to be malicious to smb. - относиться к кому-л. злонамеренно /злобно, недоброжелательно

2. *юр.* умышленный, предумышленный; злонамеренный

malicious intent - преступное намерение

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ma·li·cious *BrE* [mə'liʃəs] ^ˈ *NAmE* [mə'liʃəs] ^ˈ *adjective*

having or showing hatred and a desire to harm sb or hurt their feelings

Syn: †malevolent **Syn:** †spiteful• **malicious gossip/lies/rumours**

• He took malicious pleasure in telling me what she had said.

Derived Word †maliciously**Word Origin:**[**malicious maliciously**] Middle English: from Old French **malicios**, from Latin **malitiosus**, from **malitia**, from **malus** 'bad'.**Example Bank:**

- Has someone been spreading malicious gossip?
- His observations were funny without being malicious.
- There is no truth whatsoever to the malicious rumours.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

ma·li·cious /mə'liʃəs/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *adjective*

very unkind and cruel, and deliberately behaving in a way that is likely to upset or hurt someone:

a malicious girl

malicious gossip/rumour

Who is responsible for these malicious rumours?

—maliciously *adverb***—maliciousness** *noun* [uncountable]

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THESAURUS

- **unkind** treating people in a way that makes them unhappy or upset. **Unkind** sounds rather formal. In everyday English, people usually say **mean** or **nasty**: Children can be very unkind to each other. | a rather unkind remark
- **mean** *especially spoken* unkind: Don't be mean to your sister! | It was a mean thing to do.
- **nasty** deliberately unkind, and seeming to enjoy making people unhappy: He said some really nasty things before he left. | a nasty man
- **hurtful** unkind – used about remarks and actions: Joe couldn't forget the hurtful things she had said. | Couples sometimes do hurtful things to each other.
- **spiteful** deliberately unkind to someone because you are jealous of them or angry with them: The other women were spiteful to her, and gave her the hardest work to do. | She watched them with spiteful glee (=pleasure).
- **malicious** deliberately behaving in a way that is likely to upset, hurt, or cause problems for someone: Someone had been spreading malicious rumours about him. | There was a malicious smile on her face. | an act of malicious vandalism | The accusations are malicious.
- **unsympathetic** not seeming to care about someone's problems, and not trying to help them or make them feel better: Her parents were very unsympathetic, and told her that she deserved to fail her exam. | an unsympathetic boss
- **hard-hearted** very unsympathetic and not caring at all about other people's feelings: Was he hard-hearted enough to leave his son in jail overnight? | a hard-hearted businessman

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