

- 2** He caused a lot of mischief with this rumour.  
▶ **damage, harm, hurt, injury, trouble.**

**mischievous** adjective

- 1** a mischievous child.  
▶ **devilish, impish, naughty, playful, roguish.**  
▷ opposite **well-behaved.**
- 2** mischievous gossip.  
▶ **destructive, harmful, hurtful, injurious, malicious, spiteful.**  
▷ opposite **harmless.**

**miser** noun

- That miser won't give you anything.  
▶ **hoarder, Scrooge, skinflint, tightwad** (informal).  
▷ opposite **spendthrift.**

**miserable** adjective

- 1** He was miserable while his friend was away.  
▶ **dejected, depressed, desolate, despondent, doleful, downcast, down-hearted, forlorn, gloomy, glum, heavy-hearted, melancholy, sad, sorrowful, unhappy, wretched.**  
▷ opposite **happy.**
- 2** miserable weather.  
▶ **abysmal** (informal), **appalling** (informal), **atrocious** (informal), **depressing, dismal, dreadful** (informal), **dreary, terrible** (informal), **unpleasant.**  
▷ opposite **fine.**

**miserly** adjective

- a miserly person.  
▶ **close-fisted, mean, stingy** (informal), **niggardly, penny-pinching, stingy, tight-fisted.**  
▷ opposite **generous.**

**misery** noun

- 1** Nothing will lift her out of her misery.  
▶ **blues, depression, despair, distress, gloom, grief, melancholy, sadness, sorrow, unhappiness, woe, wretchedness.**  
▷ opposite **happiness.**
- 2** the misery associated with poverty.  
▶ **affliction, discomfort, hardship, misfortune, suffering, trouble.**  
▷ opposite **comfort.**

**misfortune** noun

- 1** a series of misfortunes.  
▶ **accident, affliction, blow, calamity, catastrophe, disaster, misadventure, mishap, setback, trial, tribulation, trouble.**
- 2** a victim of misfortune.  
▶ **adversity, bad luck, mischance.**  
▷ opposite **good luck.**

**misguided** adjective

- The officer was well-intentioned but misguided.  
▶ **foolish, misinformed, misled, mistaken, unwise.**

**mislay** verb

- He has mislaid his keys.  
▶ **lose, misplace.**

**mislead** verb

- The advertiser misled people about the product's usefulness.  
▶ **bluff, con** (informal), **deceive, delude, dupe, fool, hoax, hoodwink, kid** (informal), **lead astray, lie, misguide, misinform, take for a ride** (informal), **take in, trick.**

**misprint** noun

- see **mistake.**

**misrepresent** verb

- The papers misrepresented the committee's findings.  
▶ **colour, distort, falsify, misquote, misreport, put a spin on, twist.**

**miss** verb

- 1** He missed football to play chess.  
▶ **absent yourself from, forgo, give up, skip.**  
▷ opposite **attend.**
- 2** She missed her opportunity.  
▶ **let go, let pass, let slip, lose, pass up.**  
▷ opposite **seize.**
- 3** Miss a line.  
▶ **leave, omit, skip.**
- 4** He never misses a mistake.  
▶ **disregard, gloss over, ignore, overlook, pass over.**
- 5** Would you miss her if she left?  
▶ **crave for, long for, pine for, want, yearn for.**
- 6** If we go this way we can miss the centre of the city.  
▶ **avoid, bypass, dodge, steer clear of.**  
▷ opposite **hit, reach.**
- miss out** He missed out a word.  
▶ **forget, leave out, omit, overlook, pass over, skip.**  
▷ opposite **include.**

**missile** noun

- They attacked the target with missiles.  
▶ **projectile.**

**KINDS OF MISSILE** arrow, ballistic missile, bomb, bullet, dart, grenade, guided missile, harpoon, javelin, rocket, shell, spear, torpedo.