



The *prefix* MIS~



Wordlist

Prefix mis- NOUNS

[misadventure](#) death caused by accident, rather than as a result of a crime

- Bruce Lee died in 1973 after taking painkillers for a headache. His death was ruled a **misadventure**.

[misapplication](#) the use of something for the wrong purpose or in the wrong way

- The construction company is charged with **misapplication** of payments after using city money on private projects.

[misbehavior](#) behavior that is considered bad and not acceptable to other people

- I don't like to see parents discipline their children for **misbehavior** in public. Please wait until you get home.

[miscarriage](#) the process of giving birth to a baby before it is fully developed and able to survive; an occasion when this happens

- Smoking during pregnancy increases the risk of **miscarriage**.

[miscommunication](#) failure to make information or your ideas and feelings clear to somebody, or to understand what somebody says to you

- Most of the couple's problems stem from a basic **miscommunication** of their feelings.

[misconception](#) a belief or an idea that is not based on correct information, or that is not understood by people

- Fortune cookies did not originate in China, although that is a common **misconception**. They are actually from Japan.

misdeal (in a card game) a hand dealt wrongly

- The dealer accidentally turned up one of the player's cards so it was a **misdeal**. The dealer dealt a new set of cards.

[misdeed](#) a bad or evil act

- As a youngster, Ryan was known for his many **misdeeds** in the small village where he lived.

[misdiagnosis](#) an explanation of the nature of an illness or a problem that is not correct

- Doctors must be very careful when diagnosing patients. A **misdiagnosis** can lead it to improper treatment.

[misdirection](#) the act of giving wrong information in a film, story, magic act, etc. to make people expect something that does not happen, so that they will be surprised at what actually happens

- Close-up magicians must be masters of **misdirection** in order to fool their audience.

[misfit](#) a person who is not accepted by a particular group of people, especially because their behavior or their ideas are very different

- The **misfits** in high school are usually the ones who go on to successful careers.

[misfortune](#) bad luck

- I'm very grateful for the life I have lived. Others have suffered great **misfortune**, much more than I.

[mishap](#) a small accident or piece of bad luck that does not have serious results *(hap is old English that means luck or fortune.)

- There was a small **mishap** at school today during the rugby game but everyone is okay.

[misinformation](#) the act of giving wrong information about something; the wrong information that is given

- It's illegal to lie to a police officer or give them **misinformation**.

[misinterpretation](#) a wrong or bad understanding of somebody/something

- His poor report was the result of a complete **misinterpretation** of the facts.

[mismanagement](#) bad management of a problem or situation

- At the audit, the company faced accusations of financial **mismanagement**.

[mismatch](#) a combination of things or people that do not go together well or are not suitable for each other

- I'm not surprised they broke up, I always thought they were a **mismatch**.

[misprint](#) a mistake such as a spelling mistake that is made when a book, etc. is printed

- The newspaper ad said the shoes cost \$1,200 but they're actually only \$120. The ad is a **misprint**.

[mistake](#) an action or an opinion that is not correct, or that produces a result that you did not want *(mistake comes from older languages to mean take in error.)

- It's okay, everyone makes **mistakes**.

In English, the noun **mistake** is used with the verb make to describe an action.

My computer found several spelling mistakes in my essay.

[mistreatment](#) a cruel, unkind or unfair way of treating a person or an animal

- Prisoners of War often suffer **mistreatment** at the hands of their captors.

[mistrial](#) a trial that is not considered legally valid because of a mistake in the way it has been conducted

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- After 6 weeks of deliberation, the jury still couldn't decide on a verdict. The judge declared a **mistrial**.

mistrust a feeling that you cannot trust somebody/something

- The president's scandals have caused a real sense of **mistrust** in the country's population.

misunderstanding a situation in which a comment, an instruction, etc. is not understood correctly

- I apologize if there was some **misunderstanding**.

Prefix mis- VERBS

misadvise to give wrong or poor advice to (someone)

- After the trial, the defendant felt like he was **misadvised** but his public attorney.

misapply to use something for the wrong purpose or in the wrong way

- New technology can make everyone's lives easier, but it has the potential to be dangerous if misused or **misapplied**.

misapprehend fail to understand (a person or their words) correctly; misinterpret

- It seems like the judge **misapprehended** the evidence that was presented to him.

misbehave to behave badly

In elementary school, I would often **misbehave** in class. I think this caused stress for my teachers.

miscalculate to estimate an amount, a figure, a measurement, etc. wrongly

- The company **miscalculated** my work hours last month and underpaid me.

miscarry to give birth to a baby before it is fully developed and able to live

- Infection can cause pregnant women to **miscarry**.

miscast to choose an actor to play a role for which they are not suitable; to give the roles in a play or film to unsuitable actors

- I don't think that actor is a good choice for the main villain in the movie. I think he was **miscast** for this part.

miscount to count something wrongly

- Election officials **miscounted** the votes which affected the results.

misdeal make a mistake when dealing cards

- Professional dealers in Las Vegas are taught to carefully distribute the cards and never **misdeal**. Misdealing makes players angry and can cause trouble for the casinos.

misdiagnose to give an explanation of the nature of an illness or a problem that is not correct

- Evan was **misdiagnosed** by the doctor and had to spend an extra six weeks in the hospital.

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misdial to call the wrong phone number by mistake

- I wanted to order pizza but I **misdialed** the number and accidentally called a local accountant.

misdirect to send somebody/something in the wrong direction or to the wrong place

- It is the job of a magician to **misdirect** his audience so they don't notice his true actions.

misfile to put away a document in the wrong place

- The records from the Johnson case have all been **misfiled**. We have to work overtime tonight to correct it.

misfire (of a plan or joke) to fail to have the effect that you had intended

- His plan to make his wife happy has **misfired**. She is even angrier now.

mishandle to deal badly with a problem or situation

- The city government has **mishandled** the homeless crisis in our city. It's only getting worse.

mishear to fail to hear correctly what somebody says, so that you think they said something else

- I think Ryan said he was going to the ballet tonight but I may have **misheard** him. I don't think he was a ballet fan.

misinform to give somebody wrong information about something

- We don't fix computers at the store, I think you have been **misinformed**.

misinterpret to understand something/somebody wrongly

- Let me be very clear so that no one **misinterprets** my message.

misjudge to form a wrong opinion about a person or situation, especially in a way that makes you deal with them or it unfairly

- Spencer turned out to be a great guy, I **misjudged** him at first. I'm glad I took the time to get to know him better.

mislead to give somebody the wrong idea or impression and make them believe something that is not true

- Online scammers confuse and **mislead** their victims into thinking that there's a problem with their computer. This is part of their scam.

misidentify identify (something or someone) incorrectly.

- The bone found in the forest was **misidentified** as human, but after DNA tests we learned it was the bone of a deer.

mismatch (of things or people) to go together badly or to be not suitable for each other

- These design elements have been **mismatched** on purpose to draw attention to them.

misprint print (something) incorrectly

- This is the second time the newspaper has **misprinted** my ad. I will never advertise in this paper again.

misplace to put something somewhere and then be unable to find it again, especially for a short time

- I'm always **misplacing** my car keys. I need to hang a hook by the door so I put them back in the same place every time.

mispronounce to pronounce a word wrongly

- I'm glad to have a unique name but people almost always **mispronounce** it the first time they try to say it.

misquote to repeat what somebody has said or written in a way that is not correct

- The president never said that. The reporter **misquoted** him.

misread to understand somebody/something wrongly / to read something wrongly

- Seems like there is no trouble at all, I **misread** the situation.

misremember to remember something in a way that is not accurate or true

- Movies that don't do well in the box office can also become cut classics. We often **misremember** how the movie was received when it first came out.

misreport to give a report of an event, etc. that is not correct

- The company **misreported** its earnings last year it is now being audited by the tax office.

misrepresent to give information about somebody/something that is not true or complete so that other people have the wrong impression about them/it

The politician felt that the news was **misrepresenting** his position on the issue.

misspell to spell a word incorrectly

- My word processing software can find any words that I've **misspelled** in my documents. It's very handy.

misspeak to say something in a way that is not clear or not accurate

- I don't think Lucy really feels that, she may have **misspoke** or you have misunderstood her.

mistake to not understand or judge somebody/something correctly

- After his betrayal, it was clear I **mistook** the nature of our relationship.

mistranslate translate (something) incorrectly

- The English version of this document doesn't sound correct. I think it has been **mistranslated**.

mistreat to treat a person or an animal in a cruel, unkind or unfair way

- it's difficult to maintain relationships if you are often dishonest or **mistreat** other people.

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[mistrust](#) to have no confidence in somebody/something because you think they may be harmful to not trust somebody/something

- He seems honest I have no reason to **mistrust** him.

mistype make a mistake in typing (a word or letter)

- I need to proofread my emails before I send them, if I **mistype** something it may cause confusion in the message or look less professional.

[misunderstand](#) to fail to understand somebody/something correctly

- I'm not blaming you for the problem so please don't **misunderstand** me. This is a group effort and we're all responsible.

Prefix mis- VERBS

Most adjectives that use the prefix mis- are the verb in the past participle.

- The **misadvised** governor has made another terrible decision. (The adjective misadvised comes from the past participle of the verb misadvise)
- The police arrested the wrong person in a case of **mistaken** identity. (The adjective mistaken comes from the past participle of the verb mistake)

Here are 2 adjectives with the prefix MIS- that

- [misleading](#) giving the wrong idea or impression and making you believe something that is not true
 - Most of the ads you see for *getting a six pack* show **misleading** photos. 90% of the time the models in the pictures did not get their abs by using the product in the ad.
- [misbegotten](#) badly designed or planned (This is a formal word that I don't often use but I sometimes see in movies, on TV, or in the news)
 - Residents feel like the governor's **misbegotten** budget plan ignores the most important places in the state that need funding.

