

**misshapen** *adj.* contorted, crippled, crooked, deformed, distorted, grotesque, malformed, monstrous, twisted, ugly, warped.

*antonyms* regular, shapely.

**missile** *n.* arrow, ball, bomb, dart, flying bomb, grenade, projectile, rocket, shaft, shell, shot, torpedo, weapon.

**missing** *adj.* absent, astray, disappeared, gone, lacking, lost, mislaid, misplaced, strayed, unaccounted-for, wanting.

*antonyms* found, present.

**mission** *n.* **1** TASK, assignment, business, campaign, crusade, errand, operation, undertaking. **2** CALLING, aim, charge, duty, job, office, purpose, raison d'être, vocation, work. **3** COMMISSION, delegation, deputation, embassy, legation, ministry.

**missionary** *n.* ambassador, apostle, campaigner, champion, crusader, emissary, envoy, evangelist, preacher, promoter, propagandist, teacher.

**misspent** *adj.* dissipated, frittered away, idle, misused, squandered, thrown away, wasted.

*antonym* profitable.

**mist** *n.* cloud, condensation, dew, dimness, drizzle, film, fog, haar, haze, smog, spray, steam, vapour, veil.

**mist over** blur, cloud over, dim, fog, obscure, steam up, veil.

*antonym* clear.

**mistake** *n.* aberration, bloomer, blunder, clanger, erratum, error, fault, faux pas, folly, gaffe, inaccuracy, indiscretion, lapse, miscalculation, misjudgement, misprint, mispronunciation, misreading, misspelling, misunderstanding, oversight, slip, slip-up, solecism, trespass.

*v.* blunder, confound, confuse, err, misapprehend, miscalculate, misconstrue, misjudge, misread, misunderstand, slip up.

**mistaken** *adj.* deceived, deluded, erroneous, false, faulty, ill-judged, inaccurate, inappropriate, inauthentic, incorrect, inexact, misinformed, misled, untrue, wrong.

*antonyms* correct, justified, right.

**mistreat** *v.* abuse, batter, harm, hurt, ill-treat, ill-use, injure, knock about, maltreat, molest.

*antonyms* pamper, spoil.

**mistress** *n.* **1** LOVER, concubine, courtesan, girlfriend, kept woman, lady, lady-love, paramour, woman. **2** TEACHER, governess, guide, matron, schoolmistress, tutor.

**mistrust** *n.* apprehension, caution, chariness, distrust, doubt, fear, hesitancy, misgiving, reservations, scepticism, suspicion, uncertainty, wariness.

*antonym* trust.

*v.* be wary of, beware, distrust, doubt, fear, fight shy of, suspect.

*antonym* trust.

**misty** *adj.* blurred, cloudy, dark, dim, faint, foggy, fuzzy, hazy, indistinct, murky, obscure, opaque, smoky, unclear, vague, veiled.

*antonyms* bright, clear.

**misunderstand** *v.* get hold of the wrong end of the stick, get wrong, misapprehend, misconstrue, mishear, misinterpret, misjudge, miss the point, mistake.

*antonyms* grasp, understand.

**misunderstanding** *n.* **1** MISAPPREHENSION, error, misconception, misinterpretation, misjudgement, misreading, mistake, mix-up. **2** DISAGREEMENT, argument, breach, clash, conflict, difference, discord, disharmony, dispute, quarrel, rift, squabble.

*antonyms* **1** understanding. **2** agreement, reconciliation.

**misuse** *n.* abuse, corruption, desecration, distortion, exploitation, harm, ill-treatment, injury, maltreatment, misapplication, misappropriation, mistreatment, perversion, waste.

*v.* abuse, corrupt, desecrate, dissipate, distort, exploit, harm, ill-treat, ill-use, injure, misapply, misappropriate, mistreat, pervert, squander, waste, wrong.

**mite** *n.* atom, bit, grain, iota, jot, modicum, morsel, ounce, scrap, smidgen, spark, tad, touch, trace, whit.

**mitigating** *adj.* extenuating, justifying, modifying, qualifying, vindicating.

**mix** *v.* **1** COMBINE, amalgamate, associate, blend, coalesce, compound, cross, dash, fold in, fuse, homogenize, incorporate, intermingle, intermix, interweave, join, jumble, merge, synthesize, unite. **2** SOCIALIZE, fraternize, hobnob, join, mingle.

*antonyms* **1** divide, separate.

*n.* amalgam, assortment, blend, combination, composite, compound, conglomerate, fusion, medley, mishmash, mixture, synthesis.

**mix up** bewilder, complicate, confound, confuse, disturb, garble, implicate, involve, jumble, mix, muddle, perplex, puzzle, snarl up, upset.

**mixed** *adj.* **1** COMBINED, alloyed, amalgamated, blended, composite, compound, crossbred, fused, hybrid, incorporated, joint, mingled, mongrel, united. **2** ASSORTED, diverse, diversified, miscellaneous, motley, varied. **3** INTEGRATED, cosmopolitan, heterogeneous, international, unsegregated.

**mixed up** bewildered, complicated, confused, disoriented, distracted, distraught, disturbed, muddled, perplexed, puzzled, upset.

**mixture** *n.* alloy, amalgam, amalgamation, association, assortment, blend, brew, coalescence, combination, combine, composite, compost, compound, concoction, conglomeration, cross, farrago, fusion, half-breed, hotchpotch, hybrid, jumble, medley, mélange, miscellany, mix, mixed bag, mongrel, pot-pourri, salad, synthesis, union, variety.

**moan** *n.* **1** GROAN, howl, keen, lament, lamentation, sigh, snivel, sob, wail, whimper, whine. **2** COMPLAINT, gripe, grouch, grouse, grumble, whinge.

*v.* **1** GROAN, grieve, howl, lament, mourn, sigh, snivel, sob, wail, weep, whimper. **2** COMPLAIN,