

advantage. **b.** looking for a sexual partner. [ME, from OE *macian*]

**make-believe** /'meɪk-bəli:v/ *n.* 1. pretence; feigning; sham. -*adj.* 2. pretended; feigned; sham.

**make-do** /'meɪk-du/ *adj.* of a temporary or substitute nature.

**make-or-break** /'meɪk-ɔ-brɛk/ *adj.* resulting in either success or complete disaster; critical.

**makeover** /'meɪkəʊvə/ *n.* 1. a cosmetic treatment of the face leading to a radically different appearance. 2. any radical alteration in the structure or appearance of something: *a kitchen makeover; give your old couch a makeover.*

**makeshift** /'meɪkʃɪft/ *n.* 1. a temporary expedient; substitute. -*adj.* 2. serving as a makeshift.

**make-up** /'meɪk-ʌp/ *n.* 1. cosmetics, as those used by a woman to enhance her features. 2. the application of such cosmetics. 3. the way in which an actor or other person dresses, paints their face, etc., for a part. 4. the manner of being made up or put together; composition. 5. physical or mental constitution. 6. *Printing* the arrangement of type, illustrations, etc., into columns or pages. 7. a wharf labourer who supplements a gang as required. Also, **makeup**.

**makeweight** /'meɪkwɛɪt/ *n.* 1. something put in a scale to complete a required weight. 2. anything added to supply a lack.

**making** /'meɪkɪŋ/ *n.* 1. the act of someone or something that makes. 2. the process by which something is made to be as it is. 3. means or cause of success or advancement: *to be the making of someone.* 4. (*oft. pl.*) material of which something may be made; potential. 5. something made. 6. the quantity made. -*phr.* 7. **in the making**, being made; not yet finished.

**mako** /'meɪkəʊ/ *n.* (*pl.* **makos**) a very fast, vigorous shark, *Isurus glaucus*, of Indo-Pacific waters, having a blue back and a pointed snout and being highly esteemed as a game fish; blue pointer. [Maori]

**makomako**<sup>1</sup> /'makəməkəʊ/ *n.* a small tree, *Aristotelia serrata*, of the family Elaeocarpaceae, growing in forest clearings in NZ. [Maori]

**makomako**<sup>2</sup> /'makəməkəʊ/ *n.* NZ → **bellbird** (def. 2). [Maori]

**Malbybe Diva** /mə'kaɪbi divə/ *n.* a champion Australian racehorse, bred in Britain; won the Melbourne Cup 2003, 2004, 2005.

**mal-** a prefix having attributive relation to the second element, meaning 'bad', 'wrongful', 'ill', as in *maladjustment*, *malpractice*. [F, from L]

**Malabar rat** /mæləbɑ 'ræt/ *n.* → **bandicoot** (def. 2). [from *Malabar Coast*, south-western India + **RAT**]

**Malacca** /mə'ləkə/ *n. **Strait of**, a strait between Sumatra and the Malay Peninsula. 56 297 km wide. -**Malaccan**, *adj.*, *n.**

**malachite** /'mæləkəɪt/ *n.* a green mineral basic copper carbonate, Cu<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>(OH)<sub>2</sub>, an ore of copper, also used for making ornamental articles. [F, from Gk]

**malacology** /mælə'kɒlədʒi/ *n.* the branch of zoology dealing with the study of molluscs. [Gk *malako(s)* soft (with reference to the soft body of the molluscs) + **-LOGY**] -**malacologist**, *n.*

**maladaptive** /mælə'dæptɪv/ *adj.* *Psychol.* showing faulty adaptation. -**maladaptation**, *n.*

**maladdress** /mælə'dres/ *n.* gaucheness; awkwardness. [F]

**maladjustment** /mælə'dʒʌstmənt/ *n.* 1. a faulty adjustment. 2. *Psychol.* a failure to function successfully with regard to personal relationships and environment, often a symptom of mental disturbance. -**maladjusted**, *adj.*

**maladminister** /mæləd'mɪnɪstə/ *v.t.* to manage (especially public affairs) badly or inefficiently. -**maladministration** /mæləd,mɪnɪs'treɪʃən/, *n.* -**maladministrator**, *n.*

**maladroit** /mælə'drɔɪt/ *adj.* lacking in adroitness; unskilful; awkward. [F. See **MAL-**, **ADROIT**] -**maladroitly**, *adv.* -**maladroitness**, *n.*

**malady** /'mælədi/ *n.* (*pl.* -**dies**) 1. any bodily disorder or disease, especially one that is chronic or deep-seated. 2. any form of disorder: *social maladies*. [ME, from OF: sick, from LL: ill-conditioned]

**Malagasy** /'mæləgæsi/ *n.* (*pl.* **Malagasy** or **Malagasies**) 1. a native or inhabitant of Madagascar. 2. an Austronesian

language spoken in Madagascar, related to the Austronesian languages of Borneo but greatly influenced by the languages of the inhabitants of Madagascar.

**Malagasy Republic** /mæləgæsi rə'pʌblɪk/ *n.* a former name of Madagascar.

**malaise** /mæ'leɪz/ *n.* a condition of malaise, a general weakness or discomfort, often marking the onset of a disease. [F]

**malanders** /mæl'ændəz/ *pl. n.* *Vet. Science* a dry, scurfy eruption, or scratch behind the ears of a dog. Also, **malenders**. [late ME, from F, from L: *malander*, the neck]

**malapropism** /'mæləprɒpɪzəm/ *n.* 1. the act or habit of ridiculously misusing words. 2. a word so misused: *Mrs Malaprop*, a character noted for her misusage of words, in *The Rivals* (1775) by R.B. Sheridan.

**malapropos** /mæləprə'pou/ *adj.* 1. inappropriately. 2. inappropriately. [F *mal à propos* not to the point] **MAL-**, **APROPOS**]

**malaria** /mə'leəriə/ *n.* *Pathol.* 1. any of a group of diseases usually intermittent or remittent, and characterized by attacks of chills, fever, and sweating; caused by a parasite of parasitic protozoans which are transferred to human blood by mosquitoes. 2. unwholesome or malarious air. [It., contraction of *mala aria* bad air]

**malarian**, **malarious**, *adj.*

**malarky** /mə'lɑki/ *n.* nonsense; meaningless talk. **malarky**.

**Malawi** /mə'lawi/ *n.* a republic in southern central Africa, bordered by Zambia, Mozambique, and Tanzania. It was a British protectorate before independence in 1963, a republic since 1966. Pop. 10 491 000 (2001 est.). 118 484 km<sup>2</sup>. *Languages:* English and Chichewa. *Currency:* Malawi kwacha. *Capital:* Lilongwe. Formerly, **Nyasaland**. -**Malawian**, *n.*, *adj.*

**Malay** /mə'leɪ/ *adj.* 1. of or relating to the Malays or Malay country or language. -*n.* 2. a member of a people supposed to have spread from the Menangkabau region of Sumatra throughout the Malay Archipelago, now forming the largest ethnic group in peninsular Malaysia and a minority in Singapore, with members also in Indonesia and southern Thailand. 3. an Austronesian language, the official language of Malaysia (bahasa Malaysia) and Indonesia (bahasa Indonesia) and one of the four official languages of Singapore. -**Malayan**, *n.*, *adj.*

**Malaya** /mə'leɪə/ *n.* 1. that part of Malaysia in the southern Malay Peninsula, constituting the region of West Malaysia; corresponding to the former country of Malaya (see def. 2). Official name, **States of the Federation of Malaya**. 2. a former country consisting of the Malay States, and the Straits Settlements of Penang and Malacca (now Melaka); a British protectorate until independence in 1957; federation formed in 1948; joined Malaysia in 1963. Official name (1946-48), **Union of Malaya** (1948-63), **Federation of Malaya**. See **Malay States**.

**Malay Peninsula** /mə'leɪ pə'nɪnʃələ/ *n.* a peninsula in South-East Asia, consisting of West Malaysia (Peninsular Malaysia) and the south-western part of Thailand.

**Malaysia** /mə'leɪzə/ *n.* a federal monarchy in South-East Asia, consisting of 13 states of which 11 are on the Malay Peninsula (West Malaysia) and two, Sabah and Sarawak, on the island of Borneo (East Malaysia); established in 1963 by the union of the Federation of Malaya (formerly British protectorate) with Singapore, Sarawak, and Sabah (former British colonies); Singapore seceded in 1965. Pop. 23 274 690 (2000); 329 750 km<sup>2</sup>. *Languages:* Malay, English, Tamil, and Iban. *Currency:* ringgit or Malaysian dollar. *Capital:* Kuala Lumpur. -**Malaysian**, *adj.*, *n.*

**Malay States** /mə'leɪ 'steɪts/ *pl. n.* (formerly) the states of the Malay Peninsula that, with the Straits Settlements of Penang and Malacca (now Melaka), comprised the Federation of Malaya (1946) and the Federation of Malaya (1963) (see **Malaya** def. 2). These were made up of the **Federated Malay States** (Perak, Selangor, Negri Sembilan, Pahang) and the **Unfederated Malay States** (Perlis, Kedah, Kelantan, Trengganu, and Johore) and now form part of Malaysia.