

\*ruse, \*trick, \*trickery, \*artifice, \*dirty \*trick(s), \*wile, manipulation, ploy, \*tactic(s), \*move, gambit: *He escaped from the machinations of his enemies. Must you resort to such machinations merely to get them to listen?*

**machine** *n.* 1 \*mechanism, \*device, \*apparatus, contrivance, appliance, \*instrument, \*implement, \*tool, utensil, \*gadget, *Colloq* \*contraption, *US* gismo or gizmo: *What kind of machine is used to make a cork-screw?* 2 \*engine, motor, prime mover, \*vehicle; \*car, automobile, motor \*car, *US* auto: *We used to get into the machine and go for Sunday picnics.* 3 \*organization, \*system, \*ring, \*gang, \*cabal, \*clique, \*party, \*faction: *The entire council is run by a political machine.*

— *v.* 4 \*shape, \*make, \*manufacture: *In this department we machine the castings to a tolerance of one thousandth of an inch.*

**machismo** *n.* masculine \*pride or \*arrogance, manliness, virility, masculinity, \*grit, *Colloq* guts, *Slang* balls: *He is just trying to impress you with his machismo.*

**macho** *adj.* \*manly, masculine, virile, \*proud, \*arrogant: *He's afraid his macho image will be destroyed if he admits to enjoying ballet.*

**mad** *adj.* 1 \*insane, \*deranged, \*crazy, crazed, demented, lunatic, unhinged, \*delirious, out of one's \*mind, \*psychotic, \*maniacal, (mentally) \*unbalanced, mentally \*ill, of \*unsound \*mind, *non compos mentis*, *Chiefly Brit* \*daft, *Colloq* out of one's head, touched (in the head), screwy, cuckoo, \*mental, certifiable, having a screw loose, dotty, cracked, mad as a March hare, mad as a hatter, not all there, off-the-wall, stark \*raving mad, *Chiefly Brit* potty, *US* nutty as a fruit cake, *Slang* nuts, loony, goofy, loopy, crackers, batty, off one's rocker or trolley, bananas, *Brit* round the bend or twist, twisted, off one's chump, barmy or balmy, bonkers, *US* out to lunch, bughouse, bugs, \*crazy as a bedbug or a coot, loco, wacky, out of one's tree, meshuga: *You're mad if you think I'm going in there with that lion.* 2 \*foolish, \*silly, \*childish, \*immature, \*puerile, \*nonsensical, \*foolhardy, madcap, \*heedless, \*senseless, \*absurd, \*imprudent, unwise, \*indiscreet, \*rash, \*ill-advised, ill-considered, \*reckless, \*extravagant, irrational, fatuous: *I did many mad things when I was a student. Hitching to Inverness is a mad idea.* 3 \*wild, \*ferocious; \*rabid: *Have they caught that mad dog yet?* 4 \*furious, \*angry, infuriated, incensed, enraged, irate, fuming, \*berserk, irritated, provoked, wrathful, exasperated, *Literary* wroth: *Will you get mad if I ask you a question? Please don't be mad with me—I wrecked your car.* 5 *like mad*: \*madly, feverishly, in a \*frenzy, frenziedly, desperately, excitedly, violently, wildly, hysterically, furiously; enthusiastically, fervently, ardently; *Colloq* like \*crazy: *He's been running about like mad trying to find her.* 6 *mad (about or for)*: \*crazy, \*infatuated, \*ardent, \*enthusiastic, \*eager, avid, zealous, \*passionate, \*fervent, fervid, \*keen, \*fanatical, \*wild, *Colloq* hooked, *Brit* dotty, *Slang* nuts: *She's absolutely mad about cricket.*

**madden** *v.* 1 \*infuriate, \*anger, \*enrage, incense, \*provoke, \*inflamm\*, \*excite (someone) to (a) \*frenzy or \*rage, make (someone's) blood \*boil, raise (someone's) hackles, make (someone) see red, get (someone's) back up, drive (someone) \*crazy, *Literary* raise (someone's) ire, *Colloq* drive (someone) up the \*wall, *Brit* drive (someone) round the bend or twist, *US* tick (someone) off, burn (someone) up, tee (someone) off, \*bug: *Their getting away with something like that maddened us all.* 2 \*irk, vex, pique, \*exasperate, \*irritate: *He has the maddening habit of affecting a lisp.* 3 bait, badger, \*torment, \*plague, bedevil, *US* rile, hassle: *The dog was maddened into attacking anything that moved.*

**madly** *adv.* 1 insanely, hysterically, dementedly, wildly, distractedly, frenziedly: *The patient keeps screaming madly, day and night.* 2 foolishly, stupidly, inanely, ridiculously, ludicrously, idiotically, absurdly, irrationally, senselessly: *The king madly spurned the proffered aid and was soundly defeated.*

3 furiously, wildly, ferociously, \*fiercely, energetically, desperately, like \*mad, vehemently, feverishly, excitedly, fanatically, violently, impetuously: *He dashed about madly trying to get help.* 4 excessively, \*extremely, desperately, intensely, passionately, wildly, ardently, fervently, fervidly, \*exceedingly: *She was madly in love with George.*

**madman** *n.* madwoman; lunatic, psychopath, \*psychotic, \*maniac, *Colloq* crackpot, psycho, loony, screwball, *US* kook, *Slang* nut, nutcase, *Brit* nutter: *I am working like a madman to finish the book by the deadline.*

**madness** *n.* 1 \*insanity, \*lunacy, \*mania, dementia, psychosis, \*mental \*illness: *That form of madness is called schizophrenia.* 2 craziness, \*lunacy, \*folly, foolishness, \*nonsense, senselessness, ridiculousness, pointlessness, illogicality, illogic, illogicalness, impracticality, preposterousness, futility: *He soon realized the madness of trying to stem the tide of public opinion.*

**magazine** *n.* 1 \*periodical, \*journal, \*publication: *We publish a quarterly magazine about language.*

2 arsenal, ammunition or munitions dump, armoury: *Saboteurs infiltrated the camp and blew up the magazine.*

**magic** *n.* 1 witchcraft, \*sorcery, wizardry, \*black magic, necromancy, \*black \*art, voodoo, obeahism, \*devilry or deviltry, diabolism, demomlatry, occultism; sorilege, theurgy, white magic; \*spell: *As the magic began to work, he slowly changed into a horrible ghoul.* 2 legerdemain, conjuring, prestidigitation, sleight of hand, \*illusion, \*hocus-pocus, \*trickery: *He performs tricks of magic, including sawing a woman in half.* 3 \*enchantment, allure, allurements, \*charm, bewitchment, \*spell, witchery, witchcraft, wizardry, \*glamour, \*fascination, \*magnetism, ensorcellment: *She worked her magic on every man she met.*

— *adj.* 4 magical, \*miraculous: *The magic ointment made her young again.* 5 necromantic, \*occult, mystic, shamanistic, theurgical: *Using a magic spell, she turned him into a toad.* 6 magical, \*enchanting, entrancing, bewitching, fascinating, hypnotic, mesmerizing, \*spellbinding, charming, \*magnetic, ensorcelling: *The music had a magic effect on them.*

**magician** *n.* 1 conjuror or conjurer, illusionist, wizard, \*sorcerer, sorceress, magus, necromancer, enchanter, enchantress, Merlin, Houdini, Circe, \*witch, warlock; thaumaturge, theurgist: *The court magician changed the pebbles into precious stones by a wave of his wand.* 2 \*marvel, miracle-worker, \*virtuoso, wizard, \*genius, \*master, *Colloq* whiz: *Mary Lou Williams is a magician on the boogie-woogie piano.*

**magnetic** *adj.* \*attractive, attracting, \*engaging, captivating, \*enthraling, \*seductive, alluring, entrancing, bewitching, beguiling, \*arresting, \*spellbinding, irresistible, charismatic, \*winning, winsome, \*inviting: *Because of Amy's magnetic personality, men flock about her.*

**magnetism** *n.* \*attraction, \*draw, \*appeal, allure, \*magic, \*lure, attractiveness, \*charm, \*pull, seductiveness, irresistibility, \*drawing \*power, charisma, duende, likeableness, \*sex \*appeal: *JFK's personal magnetism won him millions of votes.*

**magnification** *n.* enlargement, amplification; build-up, strengthening, enhancement, aggrandizement, raising, \*elevation, \*increase, \*expansion, heightening, glorification, ennoblement: *The microdot can be read only at a magnification of X260. The advertising agency worked on the magnification of the candidate's record of achievement.*

**magnificent** *adj.* \*great, \*excellent, \*splendid, \*superior, \*superb, \*marvellous, \*glorious, \*grand, \*fine, \*impressive, \*imposing, awe-inspiring, \*brilliant, commanding, august, \*noble, \*majestic, \*regal, \*distinguished, \*elegant, \*exalted, \*sublime, \*outstanding; \*sumptuous, resplendent, \*opulent, \*rich, \*luxurious, \*lavish: *She lives in a magnificent country house.*