

“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 balm, bonkers, *US* out to lunch, bughouse, bugs, “crazy as a bedbug or a coat, 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, “wild, “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, “inflame, “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 insanelly, hysterically, dementedly, wildly, distractedly, frenziedly: *The patient keeps screaming madly, day and night.* 2 foolishly, stupidly, inanelly, 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, demolatry, 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.*