

The illustration depicts a young girl with dark hair and freckles, wearing a striped shirt, dark overalls, and boots, falling into a large, red, funnel-shaped opening. The floor around the opening is a black and white checkerboard pattern. Inside the red opening, there are glowing yellow spots. At the bottom of the opening, a treasure trove is visible, containing a golden scepter, a crown, and other items. The overall style is whimsical and colorful.

Malice in Underland  
Activity Pack

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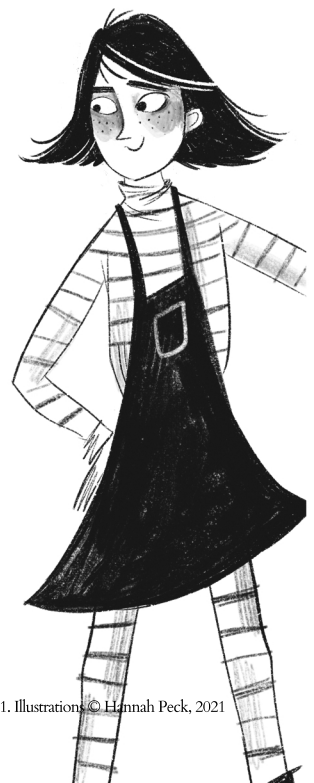
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# Malice in Underland: Wordsearch

Can you find all the mischevious words below in this wordsearch?

P J T I H Y T F W X C L V  
E O J R P C E F J K V Y W  
I T D B E I A A T N I U T  
F N Y G H A E U N Y L N R  
G U F C F D C G C X K D O  
B R S I I I I H S D V E U  
I I S S I L B G E U J R B  
M J P J A I Y K P R J L L  
B O M M M S C L G C Y A E  
T L B P M I L V S J X N T  
B X E P W I A T R R D D L  
Q L Y U T F Z P Z J A N F  
D N Q H S N R Z I C J O D

Malign  
Wicked  
Mischief  
Underland  
Treachery  
Topside  
Trouble





# Malice in Underland: Anagrams

In *A TRICK OF TIME*, Malice's wicked ancestor Maniacal leaves Malice the following anagram to hint at the reason behind his mischief...

EGREVEN → REVENGE

Can you solve these other anagrams?

MANAILAC

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ALIECM

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NDERULADN

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# Malice in Underland: What is your UNDERLAND name?



Find out your Underland name by:

## 1. Take the first initial of your first name



A = Arsenia	N = Bacterio
B = Quinsy	O = Miasma
C = Belladonna	P = Pox
D = Scallywag	Q = Typhus
E = Mildew	R = Chaos
F = Rascally	S = Variola
G = Calamity	T = Nightshade
H = Maladie	U = Distemper
I = Strychnine	V = Septa
J = Viper	W = Blight
K = Pesky	X = Milkleg
L = Hemlock	Y = Pestilence
M = Malaria	Z = Cholera

## 2. Take the word next to the month you were born

January	=	Sharptooth
February	=	Goldendart
March	=	Lockjaw
April	=	Redback
May	=	Breakbone
June	=	Nightfang
July	=	Yellowjacket
August	=	Silentclaw
September	=	Gravedigger
October	=	Funnelweb
November	=	Deathstalker
December	=	Strongblade

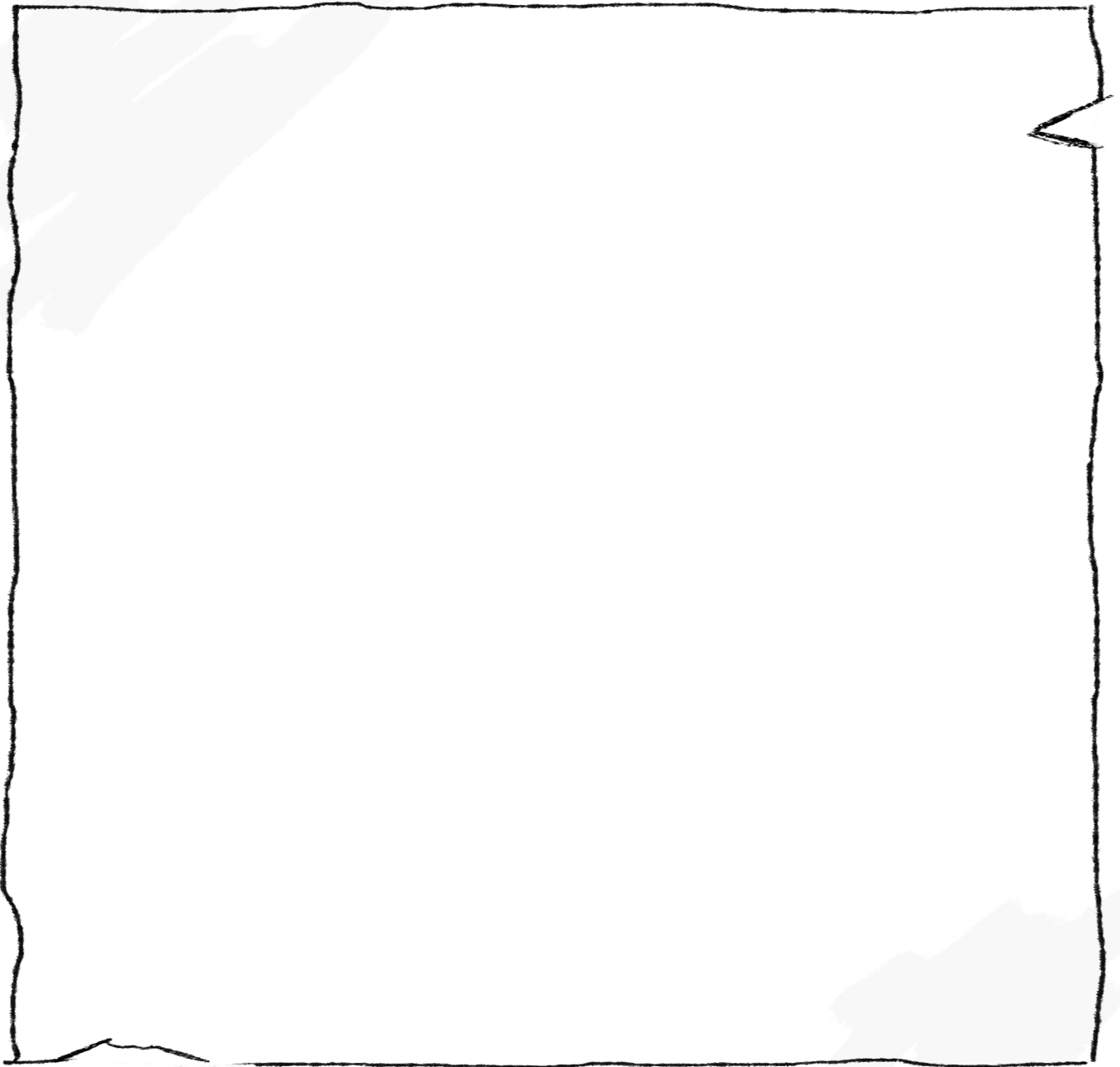




## Malice in Underland: Story Prompts

Now that you've found your Underland name, it's time to write an opening paragraph to a story. Chose one of the settings below, and using your Underland name, write the opening to a story below!


1. A spooky graveyard
2. An abandoned house
3. A creepy apothecary



# Malice in Underland: Character Top Trump Card

Create your own MALICE IN UNDERLAND Top Trumps card!

Portrait: Draw a picture of yourself here!



Name:

Age:

Profession\*:

Likes:

Dislikes:

Interesting Fact:

Mischief Skills (/10)\*\*:

Magic Skills (/10)\*\*:

Detective Skills (/10)\*\*:

\*Create your own profession, or choose from the following: Merry Mischief Maker, Underland Investigator, Malign Haunting Agency Advisor, Magnificent Magician, Professional Bookworm

\*\* You have 25 points in total, to be spread out across Mischief, Magic and Detective Skills. No single skill can receive more than 10 points.

# Malice in Underland: Top Trumps!

Play MALICE IN UNDERLAND Top Trumps!

Print and cut out the Top Trump cards on the following pages.

How to play:

1. Make sure each player has their own set of cards. Each player then shuffles their own cards.
2. Players pick up their cards and look at their top cards only.
3. Player 1 chooses and calls out what they think is their best stat (e.g. “Mischief – 10”)
4. The other players see if they can beat this stat (highest number wins). If there’s a draw, the round starts over with Player 2.
5. The card with the highest stat wins all of the top cards and adds them to the base of their pile.
6. The winner of the round chooses the stat for the next round.
7. The first player to get all of the cards wins!







*NAME:* Malice Morbid Malign

*AGE:* 11 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>



*PROFESSION:* Mischief-Maker  
& Amateur Detective.

*LIKES:* Reading, Bathing, Puzzles.

*DISLIKES:* Malevolent Mischief, Messy  
Bedrooms, Not Helping.

*INTERESTING FACT:* Malice discovered she could talk to night creatures when she fell into one of the sinking-bogs in the Malignant House grounds, aged 4, and was rescued by two barn owls and a fox named Darwin, who answered her cries for help. Once a month she hosts a moonlit supper-club for the night animals in the old icehouse near the mausoleum.

**Mischief: 5    Magic: 7    Detective: 10**



*NAME:* Seth Indiana Pinkerton

*AGE:* 11 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

*PROFESSION:* Paperboy & Amateur Detective.

*LIKES:* Skeletons, Cycling, Weirdness.

*DISLIKES:* Meanness, Ordinary, Bedtime.

*INTERESTING FACT:* Seth shares the same surname as Allan Pinkerton, the founder of Pinkerton's National Detective Agency in America in 1850 who hired the first ever female detective: Kate Warne.



**Mischief: 1    Magic: 1    Detective: 8**



*NAME:* Uncle Vex (Vexatious) Malign

*AGE:* 58

*PROFESSION:* Private Underland Investigator.

*LIKES:* Hair gel, Sharp-suits, Righting wrongs.

*DISLIKES:* Injustice, Dirty fingernails,  
Jack-in-the-boxes.

*INTERESTING FACT:* Uncle Vex was once approached by MI5 to join the British intelligence team. He claims to have turned them down but Malice has her suspicions that he may occasionally help them out of a tight spot.



**Mischief: 2    Magic: 5    Detective: 9**



*NAME:* Ma (Tetchy-Sue) Malign

*AGE:* 32

*(actually she is 59, but she's very sensitive about her age. Topunders have a longer life-span than Topsiders because of their magical blood.)*

*PROFESSION:* Mischief-Maker,  
CEO of the Malign Haunting Agency.

*LIKES:* Stink bombs, Earwigs, Swag.

*DISLIKES:* Cleanliness,  
Community spirit, Recycling.

*INTERESTING FACT:* Ma was taught the delicate art of thievery by the ghost of Diamond Annie, a member of the infamous London all-girl gang called the Forty Elephants, who used to steal jewels and all manner of swag by stuffing it down their big bloomers and underneath their puffy crinoline dresses.

**Mischief: 10    Magic: 6    Detective: 2**





*NAME:* Pa (Pugnacious) Malign

*AGE:* 66

*PROFESSION:* Mischief-Maker,  
Director of the Malign Haunting Agency.

*LIKES:* Stealing, Treasure maps,  
Keeping eels in the bath.

*DISLIKES:* Books, Helping, Do-gooders.

*INTERESTING FACT:* In 1987 Pa broke  
the world record for the most flies hovering  
above a human head. His record was broken  
in 1992 by Arthropod Maggot, a Topunder  
from the Welsh Borders.

**Mischief: 9    Magic: 7    Detective: 1**



*NAME:* Grandad (Scamp) Rascally

*AGE:* 127

*PROFESSION:* Ghost, Merry Mischief-Maker.

*LIKES:* Poker, Stinging nettle tea, Reading.

*DISLIKES:* Malicious mischief,  
Fuss, Thunderstorms.

*INTERESTING FACT:* In 1908 Grandad  
worked at the Grand Central Hotel in London and  
found himself serving breakfast one morning to  
Emmeline Pankhurst and her fellow suffragettes.  
He pretended to be polishing teapots so that he  
could listen to their speeches and has been a  
feminist ever since.

**Mischief: 4    Magic: 8    Detective: 6**



*NAME:* Antipathy-Rose Malign

*AGE:* 2

*PROFESSION:* Mischief-Maker & Biter.

*LIKES:* Biting, Deep fried pigs' ears, Escaping.

*DISLIKES:* Dolls with heads, Soft foods,  
Grown-ups who talk to her like she's a baby –  
even though she is a baby.

*INTERESTING FACT:* Antipathy-Rose ate her  
way through three wicker Moses baskets, four  
wooden cribs and a coffin, before Ma finally got  
her late lamented pet vultures bird cage down  
from the attic for her to sleep in.

**Mischief: 8    Magic: 4    Detective: 0**



*NAME:* Maniacal Menace Malign

*AGE:* 402

*PROFESSION:* Inventor and Mischief-Maker

*LIKES:* Trouble (both causing and getting into),  
Meanness, Poetry – surprising but true.

*DISLIKES:* Everyone, Friendships,  
Fondant Fancies.

*INTERESTING FACT:* Maniacal studied  
Errant-Engineering at the University of  
Underland. While there he met Daedalus –  
famous in Greek mythology for designing the  
Minotaur's labyrinth. But Maniacal's inventions  
were too heinous for Daedalus to stomach and  
they parted ways, with Daedalus threatening to  
build a labyrinth in which to trap Maniacal if he  
ever crossed his path again.

**Mischief: 1000    Magic: 10    Detective: 1**



*NAME:* Belladonna Toxiferous Nightshade

*AGE:* 525

*PROFESSION:* Owner of The Vengeful Brew on Hysteria Lane.

*LIKES:* Growing poisonous plants. Concocting poisonous teas from poisonous plants.

*DISLIKES:* Liars. Ballgowns without pockets. Dusting.

*INTERESTING FACT:* Since this book was written, Belladonna and Strychnine have branched out into chocolate making. They are hoping to tempt their Underland customers with their new range of Cursed-Confectionary. The truffles are created from the finest poisonous flower extracts and the most-contaminated cocoa beans money can buy. The sisters have already been featured in The Good Poisoners Guide.

**Mischief: 3    Magic: 6    Detective: 5**



*NAME:* Nana (Mesmerist) Rascally

*AGE:* 142

*PROFESSION:* Witch and owner of The Weary Necromancer Hotel in the Wild Witch Woods.

*LIKES:* Puzzle solving. Yoga. Dancing around her cauldron beneath the glow-worm sky, chanting ghost-folk songs.

*DISLIKES:* Disharmony. Uncharitable ghosts. Inequality.

*INTERESTING FACT:* Nana is the author of several successful cookbooks, including *One-Cauldron Meals for the Working Witch*, *How to Be a Culinary Crone*, and *Bake Your Way to Bedlam*. Despite being divorced, she counts Grandad Rascally as one of her best friends and he tests all her recipes before they go into her books.

**Mischief: 47    Magic: 9    Detective: 7**



*NAME:* Lilith Phantasma Sharptooth

*AGE:* 324

*PROFESSION:* Co-owner of Lethal Legumes on Damnation Lane, with her husband Vlad.

*LIKES:* Tofu. Knitting. Bugs  
– Lilith tries to encourage as many crawlies as possible into her café.

*DISLIKES:* Scary Movies. Unkind Practical Jokes. Sunshine.

*INTERESTING FACT:* Lilith is the founder of Ghostenbury – Underland's biggest music festival. Being a well-respected musician herself (Lilith plays the double bass and drums) she has been able secure some of the biggest names in the business. Last year she booked the famous Medieval band, *Buckets of Poop* and this year she has promised ticket holders a chance to see Guy Fawkes's band, *Gunpowder Plotters*.

**Mischief: 2    Magic: 8    Detective: 4**



## Malice in Underland: Answers

P J T I H Y T F W X C L V  
E O J R P C E F J K V Y W  
I T D B E I A A T N I U T  
F N Y G H A E U N Y L N R  
G U F C F D C G C X K D O  
B R S I I I I H S D V E U  
I I S S I L B G E U J R B  
M J P J A I Y K P R J L L  
B O M M M S C L G C Y A E  
T L B P M I L V S J X N T  
B X E P W I A T R R D D L  
Q L Y U T F Z P Z J A N F  
D N Q H S N R Z I C J O D

MANAILAC = MANIACAL

ALIECM = MALICE

IMISCFEH = MISCHIEF

CKITR ŐF MITE = TRIKC ŐF TIME

NDERULADN = UNDERLAND

ŐHTSG = GHOST