

Vocabulaire 1-13

Groupe 1

Mots à apprendre

Mot	Classe	Sens	Exemple en contexte
caper	<i>n.</i>	a daring or playful escapade · équipée, coup audacieux	<i>The whole caper was planned for years.</i>
stunt	<i>n.</i>	a daring act done to impress · cascade, coup d'éclat	<i>The rooftop stunt left the crowd breathless.</i>
daring	<i>n.</i>	bold courage; readiness to take risks · audace	<i>His daring took everyone's breath away.</i>
tightrope	<i>n.</i>	a high wire walked for performance · corde raide, fil	<i>She edged along the tightrope.</i>
gulf	<i>n.</i>	a wide, deep gap · gouffre, abîme	<i>He gazed across the gulf of empty air.</i>
wobble	<i>v.</i>	to move unsteadily from side to side · vaciller, trembler	<i>The wire made him wobble for an instant.</i>
drill	<i>v.</i>	to train by repeated practice · faire répéter, entraîner	<i>They drilled every step in advance.</i>
scope out	<i>phrasal</i>	to examine or assess (a place) · repérer, examiner	<i>They scoped out the towers for weeks.</i>
rig	<i>v.</i>	to set up or assemble (equipment) · installer, gréer	<i>They rigged the cable before dawn.</i>
hoist	<i>v.</i>	to raise using ropes or equipment · hisser	<i>Workers hoisted the heavy cable up.</i>
smuggle	<i>v.</i>	to move secretly and illegally · faire passer en fraude	<i>They smuggled the gear past the guards.</i>
hail	<i>v.</i>	to praise or acclaim publicly · saluer, acclamer	<i>The press hailed him as a hero.</i>
fame	<i>n.</i>	the state of being widely known · célébrité, renommée	<i>Sudden fame changed his life.</i>
byline	<i>n.</i>	a line naming the writer of an article · signature (d'article)	<i>His name ran in every byline.</i>
onlooker	<i>n.</i>	a person who watches an event · spectateur, badaud	<i>Onlookers gathered far below.</i>

Expressions idiomatiques

Expression idiomatique	Sens
to pull off a stunt	réussir un coup, un coup d'éclat
to take the plunge	se jeter à l'eau, se lancer
against all odds	contre toute attente

Mots à reconnaître

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brave	<i>adj.</i>	showing courage · courageux, brave	<i>It was a brave, reckless plan.</i>
bold	<i>adj.</i>	confident and daring · audacieux, hardi	<i>A bold idea seized him.</i>
risk	<i>n.</i>	the possibility of harm or loss · risque	<i>The risk was enormous.</i>
height	<i>n.</i>	distance from the ground · hauteur, altitude	<i>The height made spectators dizzy.</i>
rope	<i>n.</i>	strong cord · corde	<i>A thick rope held the rig.</i>
wire	<i>n.</i>	a thin metal cable · câble, fil de fer	<i>He balanced on a single wire.</i>
plan	<i>n.</i>	a detailed method worked out in advance · plan, projet	<i>The plan took six years.</i>
crowd	<i>n.</i>	a large group of people · foule	<i>A crowd gathered on the plaza.</i>
famous	<i>adj.</i>	known by many people · célèbre	<i>Overnight he was famous.</i>
news	<i>n.</i>	reports of recent events · actualités, nouvelles	<i>The news spread instantly.</i>
hero	<i>n.</i>	a person admired for brave acts · héros	<i>To many he became a hero.</i>
drop	<i>n.</i>	a steep downward distance · à-pic, chute	<i>It was a sheer drop to the street.</i>
balance	<i>n.</i>	an even, steady position · équilibre	<i>His balance never wavered.</i>
watch	<i>v.</i>	to look at attentively · regarder, observer	<i>Thousands stopped to watch.</i>
rooftop	<i>n.</i>	the top of a building · toit, sommet d'un immeuble	<i>They worked on the rooftop at night.</i>

Groupe 2

Mots à apprendre

Mot	Classe	Sens	Exemple en contexte
bravado	<i>n.</i>	a show of boldness, often to impress · bravade , fanfaronnade	<i>Sheer bravado carried him onto the wire.</i>
pluck	<i>n.</i>	spirited courage · cran , courage	<i>It took real pluck to step out.</i>
steadiness	<i>n.</i>	calm, controlled stability · stabilité , sang-froid	<i>His steadiness never failed him.</i>
gall	<i>n.</i>	bold, shameless nerve · culot , toupet	<i>He had the gall to do it twice.</i>
daredevil	<i>n.</i>	a recklessly bold person · casse-cou , risque-tout	<i>The daredevil feared nothing.</i>
span	<i>v.</i>	to extend across (a gap) · enjamber , franchir	<i>A steel cable spanned the towers.</i>
reel	<i>v.</i>	to stagger; to feel giddy · chanceler , tituber	<i>He reeled for a heartbeat, then walked on.</i>
straddle	<i>v.</i>	to sit or stand with legs either side · enjamber , être à cheval sur	<i>He straddled the wire to rest.</i>
tether	<i>v.</i>	to fasten with a rope or cord · attacher , amarrer	<i>The cable was tethered to a beam.</i>
stakeout	<i>n.</i>	a secret, prolonged observation · planque , surveillance	<i>Their stakeout lasted all night.</i>
decoy	<i>n.</i>	something used to mislead or distract · leurre , appât	<i>A decoy drew the guards away.</i>
esteem	<i>n.</i>	high regard and recognition · estime , considération	<i>The feat won him wide esteem.</i>
notoriety	<i>n.</i>	fame for something bad · triste célébrité , notoriété	<i>The break-in brought him notoriety.</i>
limelight	<i>n.</i>	the focus of public attention · feux de la rampe , devant de la scène	<i>He shunned the limelight afterwards.</i>
coverage	<i>n.</i>	the reporting of an event by media · couverture médiatique	<i>The coverage was relentless.</i>

Expressions idiomatiques

Expression idiomatique	Sens
to throw caution to the wind	faire fi de toute prudence
to steal the show	voler la vedette
to be in the spotlight	être sous le feu des projecteurs

Mots à reconnaître

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audacious	<i>adj.</i>	boldly daring · audacieux, osé	<i>It was an audacious scheme.</i>
fearless	<i>adj.</i>	without fear · intrépide, sans peur	<i>He seemed utterly fearless.</i>
reckless	<i>adj.</i>	without thought for danger · imprudent, téméraire	<i>Critics called it reckless.</i>
vertiginous	<i>adj.</i>	causing dizziness from height · vertigineux	<i>A vertiginous drop yawned below.</i>
dizzying	<i>adj.</i>	making one feel giddy · étourdissant, vertigineux	<i>A dizzying view stretched out.</i>
perilous	<i>adj.</i>	full of danger · périlleux	<i>The crossing was perilous.</i>
meticulous	<i>adj.</i>	extremely careful and precise · méticuleux, minutieux	<i>Their planning was meticulous.</i>
painstaking	<i>adj.</i>	done with great care and effort · minutieux, appliqué	<i>Painstaking work prepared the rig.</i>
rehearsal	<i>n.</i>	a practice session · répétition	<i>Every rehearsal was filmed.</i>
spectator	<i>n.</i>	a person who watches an event · spectateur	<i>Spectators held their breath.</i>
applause	<i>n.</i>	approval shown by clapping · applaudissements	<i>Applause rose from below.</i>
sensation	<i>n.</i>	a person or event causing great excitement · sensation, événement	<i>He was an overnight sensation.</i>
suspense	<i>n.</i>	a state of anxious uncertainty · suspense, tension	<i>The suspense was unbearable.</i>
footbridge	<i>n.</i>	a narrow bridge for walking · passerelle	<i>The wire was no wider than a footbridge cable.</i>
gondola	<i>n.</i>	a suspended cabin or basket · nacelle, gondole	<i>Workers rode a window gondola up.</i>

Groupe 3

Mots à apprendre

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derring-do	<i>n.</i>	daring, heroic action · bravoure, témérité	<i>His act was pure derring-do.</i>
equipoise	<i>n.</i>	perfect balance or equilibrium · équilibre parfait	<i>He moved with flawless equipoise.</i>
maw	<i>n.</i>	a gaping, devouring opening · gouffre béant, gueule	<i>The maw of empty space yawned below.</i>
ledge	<i>n.</i>	a narrow horizontal shelf or edge · rebord, corniche	<i>He stepped off the ledge onto the wire.</i>
inch	<i>v.</i>	to move very slowly and carefully · avancer petit à petit	<i>He inched across the void.</i>
thread	<i>v.</i>	to move carefully through a narrow space · se faufiler, se frayer un chemin	<i>He threaded his way across the void.</i>
covert	<i>adj.</i>	secret or concealed · secret, clandestin	<i>It was a covert, months-long operation.</i>
stealth	<i>n.</i>	cautious, secret movement · furtivité, discrétion	<i>They worked in total stealth.</i>
guile	<i>n.</i>	clever, cunning deception · ruse, astuce	<i>It took guile to slip inside.</i>
sleight	<i>n.</i>	skilful trickery (sleight of hand) · habileté, tour de passe-passe	<i>Their entry relied on sleight of hand.</i>
encomium	<i>n.</i>	a formal expression of high praise · panégyrique, éloge	<i>The papers ran encomiums to his nerve.</i>
fete	<i>v.</i>	to honour or celebrate lavishly · fêter, célébrer	<i>The city feted him for weeks.</i>
trumpet	<i>v.</i>	to proclaim loudly and widely · claironner, vanter	<i>Critics trumpeted his artistry.</i>
laud	<i>v.</i>	to praise, esp. publicly · louer, glorifier	<i>Newspapers lauded the daring act.</i>
cynosure	<i>n.</i>	the centre of attention · point de mire, centre d'attention	<i>By dawn he was the cynosure of the city.</i>

Expressions idiomatiques

Expression idiomatique	Sens
to risk life and limb	risquer sa peau
a leap of faith	un acte de foi, un pari risqué
to capture the public's imagination	frapper l'imagination du public

Mots à reconnaître

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intrepid	<i>adj.</i>	fearless and adventurous · intrépide	<i>The intrepid walker felt no fear.</i>
dauntless	<i>adj.</i>	showing fearless determination · intrépide, résolu	<i>A dauntless calm settled over him.</i>
foolhardy	<i>adj.</i>	recklessly bold · téméraire, imprudent	<i>Many called the act foolhardy.</i>
vertigo	<i>n.</i>	a sensation of dizziness · vertige	<i>He had conquered all vertigo.</i>
precipice	<i>n.</i>	a steep, dangerous drop · précipice	<i>He stood at the precipice's edge.</i>
abyss	<i>n.</i>	a deep or seemingly bottomless chasm · abîme, gouffre	<i>An abyss of air lay beneath.</i>
surreptitious	<i>adj.</i>	done secretly to avoid notice · subreptice, furtif	<i>They made surreptitious visits.</i>
furtive	<i>adj.</i>	secretive and stealthy · furtif	<i>A furtive glance checked for guards.</i>
reconnaissance	<i>n.</i>	preliminary survey to gain information · reconnaissance	<i>Weeks of reconnaissance preceded it.</i>
surveillance	<i>n.</i>	close observation · surveillance	<i>They avoided the guards' surveillance.</i>
accomplice	<i>n.</i>	a partner in a secret act · complice	<i>Each accomplice had a role.</i>
subterfuge	<i>n.</i>	deception used to achieve a goal · subterfuge, stratagème	<i>Entry required elaborate subterfuge.</i>
ovation	<i>n.</i>	sustained enthusiastic applause · ovation	<i>A standing ovation greeted him.</i>
renown	<i>n.</i>	the state of being widely honoured · renommée, gloire	<i>The walk brought him lasting renown.</i>
eminence	<i>n.</i>	fame and superior standing · éminence, notoriété	<i>He rose to sudden eminence.</i>