

Vocabulaire 1-14

Groupe 1

Mots à apprendre

Mot	Classe	Sens	Exemple en contexte
charge	<i>v.</i>	to give a duty or task to · charger (qqn de)	<i>He was charged with rigging the wire.</i>
enlist	<i>v.</i>	to obtain the help or service of · recruter, s'assurer le concours de	<i>They enlisted a dozen volunteers.</i>
appoint	<i>v.</i>	to choose someone for a role · nommer, désigner	<i>She appointed a lookout for each door.</i>
oversee	<i>v.</i>	to supervise and direct · superviser, surveiller	<i>He oversaw the whole operation.</i>
convene	<i>v.</i>	to call people together for a meeting · convoquer, réunir	<i>He convened the team at midnight.</i>
rally	<i>v.</i>	to gather and motivate for a cause · rassembler, mobiliser	<i>She rallied the crew for one last push.</i>
abet	<i>v.</i>	to help or encourage (wrongdoing) · être complice de, encourager	<i>He was accused of aiding and abetting.</i>
collude	<i>v.</i>	to cooperate secretly and improperly · être de connivence, s'entendre	<i>Guards were said to have colluded.</i>
henchman	<i>n.</i>	a loyal follower who does dirty work · homme de main, sbire	<i>Each henchman knew only his own task.</i>
frontman	<i>n.</i>	a person who fronts for a hidden group · homme de paille, façade	<i>He was just the frontman for the plot.</i>
patsy	<i>n.</i>	a person set up to take the blame · pigeon, bouc émissaire	<i>They lined up a patsy in advance.</i>
insider	<i>n.</i>	a person with secret access or knowledge · initié	<i>An insider leaked the building's plans.</i>
lookout	<i>n.</i>	a person who keeps watch · guetteur, vigie	<i>One man kept lookout on the roof.</i>
rope in	<i>phrasal</i>	to persuade someone to take part · embringuer, recruter	<i>They roped in an old school friend.</i>
draft in	<i>phrasal</i>	to bring in for a specific task · faire venir, mobiliser	<i>Extra hands were drafted in overnight.</i>

Expressions idiomatiques

Expression idiomatique	Sens
to pull strings	tirer les ficelles
to call the shots	donner les ordres, faire la loi
behind the scenes	en coulisses

Mots à reconnaître

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team	<i>n.</i>	a group working together · équipe	<i>The team trained for years.</i>
leader	<i>n.</i>	a person who directs others · chef, meneur	<i>Every plot needs a leader.</i>
organise	<i>v.</i>	to arrange and coordinate · organiser	<i>He organised the crew into pairs.</i>
role	<i>n.</i>	a part or function assigned · rôle	<i>Each had a precise role.</i>
order	<i>n.</i>	an instruction to be obeyed · ordre, consigne	<i>They followed his orders exactly.</i>
command	<i>v.</i>	to give orders to · commander, ordonner	<i>She commanded the night shift.</i>
prepare	<i>v.</i>	to make ready in advance · préparer	<i>Months were spent preparing.</i>
arrange	<i>v.</i>	to organise or plan · arranger, organiser	<i>He arranged every detail.</i>
recruit	<i>v.</i>	to enrol new members · recruter	<i>They recruited only people they trusted.</i>
deploy	<i>v.</i>	to position for action · déployer	<i>Each was deployed to a station.</i>
assign	<i>v.</i>	to give a task or role to · assigner, attribuer	<i>Tasks were assigned by lottery.</i>
delegate	<i>v.</i>	to give a task to someone else · déléguer	<i>He delegated the dull jobs.</i>
crew	<i>n.</i>	a team working together · équipe, équipage	<i>The crew slipped in at night.</i>
accomplice	<i>n.</i>	a partner in a secret act · complice	<i>Each accomplice played a part.</i>
plotter	<i>n.</i>	a person who plans secretly · comploteur	<i>The plotters met in secret.</i>

Groupe 2

Mots à apprendre

Mot	Classe	Sens	Exemple en contexte
commission	v.	to formally order or appoint to do · commander, charger	<i>They commissioned a custom-made rig.</i>
helm	v.	to lead or be in charge of · diriger, être à la barre de	<i>He helmed the operation from below.</i>
streamline	v.	to make more efficient · rationaliser, simplifier	<i>They streamlined every step of the plan.</i>
engineer	v.	to arrange or bring about cleverly · manigancer, orchestrer	<i>He engineered the whole break-in.</i>
second	v.	to transfer temporarily to a task · détacher (du personnel)	<i>An electrician was seconded to the team.</i>
detail	v.	to assign to a particular duty · affecter, désigner	<i>Two men were detailed to watch the lifts.</i>
deputise	v.	to appoint as a stand-in or deputy · déléguer, nommer adjoint	<i>She deputised her brother to lead.</i>
conscript	v.	to enrol, often by pressure · enrôler, embrigader	<i>Friends were conscripted into the scheme.</i>
regiment	v.	to organise strictly and rigidly · régimenter, encadrer	<i>He regimented the crew's every move.</i>
cahoots	n.	secret partnership (in cahoots) · connivence, mèche	<i>The watchman was in cahoots with them.</i>
cabal	n.	a small secret group with a plot · cabale, coterie	<i>A tight cabal planned it all.</i>
stooge	n.	a person used to do another's work · homme de paille, sous-fifre	<i>He was a stooge for the real planner.</i>
accessory	n.	a person who helps in a crime · complice	<i>She was charged as an accessory.</i>
fixer	n.	a person who arranges things illicitly · intermédiaire, magouilleur	<i>A quiet fixer smoothed every problem.</i>
go-between	n.	a person who carries messages secretly · intermédiaire, entremetteur	<i>A trusted go-between relayed orders.</i>

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to do someone's dirty work	faire le sale boulot de qqn
the brains behind something	le cerveau de qqch
to have a hand in something	avoir trempé dans qqch

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coordinate	<i>v.</i>	to make parts work together · coordonner	<i>She coordinated the timing.</i>
orchestrate	<i>v.</i>	to arrange or direct skilfully · orchestrer	<i>He orchestrated the entire scheme.</i>
supervise	<i>v.</i>	to watch over and direct · superviser	<i>An expert supervised the climb.</i>
mobilise	<i>v.</i>	to organise for action · mobiliser	<i>They mobilised within hours.</i>
designate	<i>v.</i>	to officially assign or name · désigner	<i>He designated a meeting point.</i>
conspire	<i>v.</i>	to plan secretly together · conspirer, comploter	<i>They conspired for months.</i>
collusion	<i>n.</i>	secret cooperation to deceive · collusion	<i>Collusion went right to the top.</i>
complicity	<i>n.</i>	involvement in wrongdoing · complicité	<i>Her complicity was obvious.</i>
conspiracy	<i>n.</i>	a secret plan by a group · complot, conspiracy	<i>It was an elaborate conspiracy.</i>
intrigue	<i>n.</i>	secret scheming · intrigue, machination	<i>The plan was full of intrigue.</i>
stratagem	<i>n.</i>	a clever scheme or trick · stratagème, ruse	<i>A neat stratagem fooled the guards.</i>
network	<i>n.</i>	an interconnected group · réseau	<i>A whole network supported them.</i>
operation	<i>n.</i>	an organised, planned action · opération	<i>The operation ran like clockwork.</i>
ploy	<i>n.</i>	a cunning move to gain advantage · stratagème, manœuvre	<i>The fire alarm was just a ploy.</i>
co-conspirator	<i>n.</i>	a fellow plotter · coconspirateur, complice	<i>His co-conspirators stayed loyal.</i>

Groupe 3

Mots à apprendre

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depute	<i>v.</i>	to delegate (a task) or appoint as deputy · déléguer, députer	<i>He deputed the riskiest job to her.</i>
superintend	<i>v.</i>	to oversee and manage · superviser, diriger	<i>An old hand superintended the rigging.</i>
commandeer	<i>v.</i>	to seize or take control of for use · réquisitionner, s'emparer de	<i>They commandeered a window cradle.</i>
co-opt	<i>v.</i>	to bring in (someone) to serve one's aims · coopter, s'adjoindre	<i>They co-opted a guard onto their side.</i>
hobnob	<i>v.</i>	to mix socially, esp. with dubious figures · frayer (avec), fréquenter	<i>He hobnobbed with the city's shadiest figures.</i>
confederate	<i>n.</i>	an ally in a secret plan · complice, acolyte	<i>Each confederate had a sealed role.</i>
cohort	<i>n.</i>	a companion or accomplice · acolyte, complice	<i>He arrived with two silent cohorts.</i>
abettor	<i>n.</i>	one who helps or incites wrongdoing · complice, instigateur	<i>The abettor was never named.</i>
factotum	<i>n.</i>	a person who does all kinds of work · factotum, homme à tout faire	<i>Their factotum handled every errand.</i>
minion	<i>n.</i>	a lowly, obedient follower · sous-fifre, larbin	<i>His minions asked no questions.</i>
underling	<i>n.</i>	a subordinate of low rank · subalterne, subordonné	<i>An underling carried out the order.</i>
myrmidon	<i>n.</i>	a loyal follower who obeys without question · homme de main, exécutant servile	<i>His myrmidons did as they were told.</i>
kingpin	<i>n.</i>	the most important person in a scheme · cerveau, baron	<i>The kingpin stayed well out of sight.</i>
cat's-paw	<i>n.</i>	a person used as a tool by another · instrument, dupe	<i>He was a mere cat's-paw in the affair.</i>
quisling	<i>n.</i>	a traitor who collaborates with the enemy · collaborateur, traître	<i>A quisling inside opened the gate.</i>

Expressions idiomatiques

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the power behind the throne	l'émittance grise
a cog in the machine	un rouage de la machine
thick as thieves	copains comme cochons, de mèche

Mots à reconnaître

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collaborator	<i>n.</i>	a person who works with others (or the enemy) · collaborateur	<i>A collaborator unlocked the doors.</i>
confederacy	<i>n.</i>	an alliance for a common purpose · confédération, ligue	<i>They formed a loose confederacy.</i>
syndicate	<i>n.</i>	an organised group, often criminal · syndicat (du crime)	<i>A smuggling syndicate funded it.</i>
consortium	<i>n.</i>	an association of several parties · consortium	<i>A consortium bankrolled the stunt.</i>
hierarchy	<i>n.</i>	a ranked system of authority · hiérarchie	<i>A strict hierarchy gave the orders.</i>
subordinate	<i>n.</i>	a person under another's authority · subordonné	<i>His subordinates obeyed at once.</i>
underworld	<i>n.</i>	the world of organised crime · pègre, milieu	<i>The underworld lent its expertise.</i>
instigation	<i>n.</i>	the act of provoking an action · instigation	<i>It happened at his instigation.</i>
machination	<i>n.</i>	a crafty scheme or plot · machination	<i>Their machinations went unnoticed.</i>
connivance	<i>n.</i>	willing cooperation in wrongdoing · connivance	<i>It succeeded through official connivance.</i>
complicit	<i>adj.</i>	involved in wrongdoing with others · complice	<i>Several officials were complicit.</i>
clandestine	<i>adj.</i>	kept secret, esp. because illicit · clandestin	<i>A clandestine network moved the gear.</i>
conspirator	<i>n.</i>	a member of a plot · conspirateur, comploteur	<i>The conspirators never met openly.</i>
infiltrator	<i>n.</i>	a person who enters secretly to spy · agent infiltré	<i>An infiltrator mapped the guards' routine.</i>
puppet-master	<i>n.</i>	one who secretly controls others · marionnettiste, manipulateur	<i>The real puppet-master stayed hidden.</i>