

Vocabulaire 1-17

Groupe 1

Mots à apprendre

Mot	Classe	Sens	Exemple en contexte
crow	<i>v.</i>	to boast triumphantly · chanter victoire, jubiler	<i>He crowed about his big return.</i>
grandstand	<i>v.</i>	to behave showily to impress onlookers · jouer pour la galerie	<i>She grandstanded for the reporters.</i>
flaunt	<i>v.</i>	to display ostentatiously · faire étalage de, exhiber	<i>She flaunted her old jewels.</i>
parade	<i>v.</i>	to show off conspicuously · faire étalage de, parader	<i>He paraded his every success.</i>
brag	<i>v.</i>	to talk boastfully · se vanter, fanfaronner	<i>He bragged about knowing everyone.</i>
ham	<i>v.</i>	to overact theatrically (ham it up) · surjouer, cabotiner	<i>She hammed it up for the camera.</i>
highlight	<i>v.</i>	to draw attention to · mettre en avant, souligner	<i>He highlighted his own role.</i>
milk	<i>v.</i>	to exploit (a moment) for all it is worth · exploiter, faire durer	<i>She milked the applause.</i>
daydream	<i>n.</i>	a pleasant fantasy while awake · rêverie, songe	<i>She drifted into a daydream of fame.</i>
make-believe	<i>n.</i>	imaginative pretence · faire-semblant, imaginaire	<i>Her life had become make-believe.</i>
figment	<i>n.</i>	something imagined or invented · invention, produit de l'imagination	<i>The role was a figment of her hopes.</i>
pretence	<i>n.</i>	a false show or claim · faux-semblant, simulacre	<i>She kept up the pretence of stardom.</i>
self-regard	<i>n.</i>	concern for oneself; vanity · amour-propre, égotisme	<i>His self-regard knew no limits.</i>
play up	<i>phrasal</i>	to exaggerate or emphasise · exagérer, monter en épingle	<i>He played up his old triumphs.</i>
pipe dream	<i>n.</i>	an unrealistic hope · chimère, doux rêve	<i>The comeback was a pipe dream.</i>

Expressions idiomatiques

Expression idiomatique	Sens
to blow one's own trumpet	chanter ses propres louanges
to think the world of oneself	se croire le centre du monde
to live in a dream world	vivre dans un monde imaginaire

Mots à reconnaître

Mot	Classe	Sens	Exemple en contexte
proud	<i>adj.</i>	feeling deep satisfaction in oneself · fier, orgueilleux	<i>She was proud to the point of folly.</i>
vain	<i>adj.</i>	excessively proud of oneself · vaniteux	<i>A vain woman lost in mirrors.</i>
show off	<i>phrasal</i>	to display oneself to impress · frimer, se faire remarquer	<i>He loved to show off.</i>
dream	<i>n.</i>	a cherished hope or fantasy · rêve	<i>She clung to a single dream.</i>
fantasy	<i>n.</i>	an imagined, unreal scenario · fantasme, chimère	<i>Her fantasy of a comeback grew.</i>
illusion	<i>n.</i>	a false idea or belief · illusion	<i>He lived under a comforting illusion.</i>
fake	<i>adj.</i>	not genuine; false · faux, factice	<i>Her smile was entirely fake.</i>
pretend	<i>v.</i>	to make believe · faire semblant	<i>She pretended nothing had changed.</i>
imagine	<i>v.</i>	to form a mental picture of · imaginer	<i>He imagined crowds still cheered.</i>
ego	<i>n.</i>	a person's sense of self-worth · ego, amour-propre	<i>His ego could fill a theatre.</i>
reflection	<i>n.</i>	an image thrown back by a surface · reflet, image	<i>She studied her reflection for hours.</i>
applause	<i>n.</i>	approval shown by clapping · applaudissements	<i>She lived for remembered applause.</i>
attention	<i>n.</i>	notice or regard from others · attention	<i>She craved constant attention.</i>
celebrity	<i>n.</i>	the state of being famous · célébrité, vedettariat	<i>She clung to a faded celebrity.</i>
conceited	<i>adj.</i>	excessively proud of oneself · prétentieux, vaniteux	<i>A conceited and lonely woman.</i>

Groupe 2

Mots à apprendre

Mot	Classe	Sens	Exemple en contexte
bluster	v.	to talk loudly and boastfully · fanfaronner, tempêter	<i>He blustered about suing them all.</i>
posture	v.	to behave affectedly to impress · poser, prendre des poses	<i>She postured before her guests.</i>
vaunt	v.	to boast about · vanter, se targuer de	<i>He vaunted his famous friends.</i>
pontificate	v.	to speak pompously and dogmatically · pontifier, pérorer	<i>She pontificated about real art.</i>
lord	v.	to behave superiorly (lord it over) · faire le maître, traiter de haut	<i>He lorded it over the staff.</i>
aggrandise	v.	to exaggerate one's own importance · se grandir, s'autoglorifier	<i>She aggrandised her every memory.</i>
magnify	v.	to exaggerate; to make seem greater · grossir, amplifier	<i>He magnified the smallest praise.</i>
fancy	v.	to imagine (oneself) to be · se prendre pour, s'imaginer	<i>He fancied himself a great artist.</i>
gild	v.	to make superficially attractive · dorer, embellir	<i>She gilded the truth of her past.</i>
haughtiness	n.	arrogant superiority · arrogance, morgue	<i>Her haughtiness drove friends away.</i>
entitlement	n.	a belief that one deserves privileges · sentiment de tout mériter	<i>His sense of entitlement was vast.</i>
self-importance	n.	an exaggerated sense of one's worth · suffisance	<i>Her self-importance filled the room.</i>
bombast	n.	pompous, inflated language · grandiloquence, emphase	<i>His speech was pure bombast.</i>
self-deception	n.	the act of fooling oneself · aveuglement, auto-illusion	<i>Her hope rested on self-deception.</i>
swank	v.	to show off; to behave pretentiously · frimer, crâner	<i>He swanked about in a borrowed car.</i>

Expressions idiomatiques

Expression idiomatique	Sens
to be full of oneself	être imbu de soi-même
to have one's head in the clouds	avoir la tête dans les nuages
to believe one's own hype	croire à sa propre légende

Mots à reconnaître

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arrogant	<i>adj.</i>	aggressively self-important · arrogant	<i>His arrogant manner offended all.</i>
pompous	<i>adj.</i>	self-important and stuffy · pompeux, suffisant	<i>A pompous speech bored the room.</i>
grandiose	<i>adj.</i>	impressive in a pompous way · grandiose, pompeux	<i>Her grandiose plans came to nothing.</i>
narcissist	<i>n.</i>	a person obsessed with themselves · narcissique	<i>She was a narcissist to the core.</i>
self-absorbed	<i>adj.</i>	preoccupied with oneself · égocentrique, nombriliste	<i>He was utterly self-absorbed.</i>
deluded	<i>adj.</i>	holding false beliefs · abusé, dans l'illusion	<i>Deluded, she awaited a call that never came.</i>
wishful	<i>adj.</i>	based on hope, not reason · velléitaire, illusoire	<i>It was wishful thinking, no more.</i>
denial	<i>n.</i>	refusal to accept the truth · déni	<i>She lived in total denial.</i>
fixation	<i>n.</i>	an obsessive preoccupation · fixation, obsession	<i>His fixation on fame consumed him.</i>
obsession	<i>n.</i>	an idea that dominates the mind · obsession	<i>Her past was an obsession.</i>
fantasise	<i>v.</i>	to indulge in daydreams · fantasmer, rêvasser	<i>She fantasised about a triumphant return.</i>
idolise	<i>v.</i>	to admire to excess · idolâtrer, vénérer	<i>Fans had once idolised her.</i>
glorify	<i>v.</i>	to make seem grander than reality · glorifier, magnifier	<i>He glorified his modest career.</i>
exaggerate	<i>v.</i>	to overstate · exagérer	<i>She exaggerated every old success.</i>
smug	<i>adj.</i>	self-satisfied to an irritating degree · suffisant, content de soi	<i>A smug little smile crossed his face.</i>

Groupe 3

Mots à apprendre

Mot	Classe	Sens	Exemple en contexte
braggadocio	<i>n.</i>	empty boastful behaviour · fanfaronnade, vantardise	<i>His braggadocio fooled no one.</i>
hauteur	<i>n.</i>	haughty manner; disdainful pride · hauteur, morgue	<i>She received them with cold hauteur.</i>
solipsism	<i>n.</i>	the view that only oneself truly matters · solipsisme, égocentrisme absolu	<i>Her solipsism shut out the world.</i>
self-aggrandisement	<i>n.</i>	the act of glorifying oneself · autoglorification	<i>His memoir was pure self-aggrandisement.</i>
vainglory	<i>n.</i>	excessive, empty pride · gloriole, vaine gloire	<i>Her vainglory blinded her to ruin.</i>
peacock	<i>v.</i>	to strut and display oneself · se pavaner	<i>He peacocked across the lobby.</i>
supercilious	<i>adj.</i>	haughtily contemptuous · hautain, méprisant	<i>A supercilious smile curled her lip.</i>
lofty	<i>adj.</i>	proudly superior; condescending · hautain, condescendant	<i>He spoke in a lofty tone.</i>
phantasm	<i>n.</i>	an illusion or figment · fantasme, chimère	<i>Fame was now a mere phantasm.</i>
quixotic	<i>adj.</i>	idealistic and impractical · chimérique, donquichottesque	<i>Her quixotic plans defied reality.</i>
fanciful	<i>adj.</i>	existing only in the imagination · fantaisiste, chimérique	<i>He told fanciful tales of his youth.</i>
confabulate	<i>v.</i>	to invent false memories without meaning to lie · affabuler, fabuler	<i>She confabulated a glorious past.</i>
magniloquence	<i>n.</i>	grand, pompous speech · grandiloquence, emphase	<i>His magniloquence wearied everyone.</i>
escapism	<i>n.</i>	flight from reality into fantasy · évason, fuite dans l'imaginaire	<i>Her films were her escapism.</i>
high-and-mighty	<i>adj.</i>	arrogant and self-important · qui se croit supérieur	<i>Don't get high-and-mighty with me.</i>

Expressions idiomatiques

Expression idiomatique	Sens
to have delusions of grandeur	avoir la folie des grandeurs
the centre of one's own universe	le nombril du monde
to build castles in the air	bâtir des châteaux en Espagne

Mots à reconnaître

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narcissistic	<i>adj.</i>	excessively self-admiring · narcissique	<i>A narcissistic gaze fixed the mirror.</i>
megalomaniac	<i>adj.</i>	obsessed with one's own power · mégalomane	<i>Her megalomaniac dreams swelled.</i>
egotistical	<i>adj.</i>	excessively self-centred · égotiste, vaniteux	<i>An egotistical bore at every party.</i>
hubristic	<i>adj.</i>	showing excessive pride · orgueilleux, présomptueux	<i>His hubristic dream collapsed.</i>
delusional	<i>adj.</i>	holding false beliefs · délirant, dans l'illusion	<i>Her delusional hopes never died.</i>
illusory	<i>adj.</i>	based on illusion; unreal · illusoire	<i>Her stardom was now illusory.</i>
fantastical	<i>adj.</i>	fanciful; unreal · fantasmagorique, chimérique	<i>He spun fantastical tales of glory.</i>
phantasmagoric	<i>adj.</i>	shifting and dreamlike · fantasmagorique	<i>A phantasmagoric vision of the past.</i>
self-deluding	<i>adj.</i>	fooling oneself · qui se ment à soi-même	<i>A self-deluding faith in her return.</i>
overweening	<i>adj.</i>	showing excessive confidence or pride · démesuré, présomptueux	<i>His overweening pride doomed him.</i>
grandiloquent	<i>adj.</i>	pompous in language · grandiloquent, emphatique	<i>A grandiloquent toast to herself.</i>
bumptious	<i>adj.</i>	irritatingly self-assertive · présomptueux, suffisant	<i>A bumptious young agent barged in.</i>
snooty	<i>adj.</i>	snobbish and superior · snob, hautain	<i>The snooty butler eyed them coldly.</i>
pretentious	<i>adj.</i>	attempting to impress beyond one's worth · prétentieux	<i>A pretentious, faded grandeur.</i>
self-satisfied	<i>adj.</i>	smugly contented · content de soi, suffisant	<i>A self-satisfied smirk lingered.</i>