

Vocabulaire 1-19

Groupe 1

Mots à apprendre

Mot	Classe	Sens	Exemple en contexte
grind	<i>n.</i>	dull, exhausting routine work · corvée, train-train	<i>He hated the daily grind at the factory.</i>
drudgery	<i>n.</i>	hard, menial, boring work · corvée, besogne ingrate	<i>Weekends were his escape from drudgery.</i>
rut	<i>n.</i>	a tedious, unchanging routine · ornière, routine	<i>He refused to be stuck in a rut.</i>
slog	<i>n.</i>	a long spell of hard work · boulot pénible, corvée	<i>The week was one endless slog.</i>
toil	<i>v.</i>	to work long and hard · peiner, trimer	<i>Men toiled at the lathes all day.</i>
crave	<i>v.</i>	to long for intensely · avoir un besoin ardent de	<i>By Friday he craved a drink and a fight.</i>
long	<i>v.</i>	to desire earnestly (long for/to) · aspirer à, désirer ardemment	<i>He longed to break free of it all.</i>
indulge	<i>v.</i>	to allow oneself a pleasure · s'adonner à, se faire plaisir	<i>He indulged every appetite on weekends.</i>
relish	<i>v.</i>	to enjoy greatly · savourer, se délecter de	<i>She relished the chance to defy them.</i>
spree	<i>n.</i>	a bout of unrestrained activity · virée, folie	<i>He blew his wages on a weekend spree.</i>
defy	<i>v.</i>	to resist openly; to challenge · défier, braver	<i>He defied his foreman to his face.</i>
flout	<i>v.</i>	to break (rules) openly and scornfully · bafouer, narguer	<i>He flouted every rule he could.</i>
cocky	<i>adj.</i>	arrogantly self-confident · arrogant, sûr de soi	<i>A cocky young man with a sharp tongue.</i>
unruly	<i>adj.</i>	hard to control or discipline · indiscipliné, turbulent	<i>An unruly crowd spilled from the pub.</i>
thrill	<i>n.</i>	a sudden rush of excitement · frisson, sensation forte	<i>He lived for the thrill of the chase.</i>

Expressions idiomatiques

Expression idiomatique	Sens
the daily grind	le train-train quotidien
to let one's hair down	se lâcher, se défouler
to kick over the traces	s'émanciper, faire des siennes

Mots à reconnaître

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work	<i>n.</i>	effort or employment · travail, boulot	<i>Work swallowed his every weekday.</i>
job	<i>n.</i>	a paid position of employment · emploi, travail	<i>He clung to a job he despised.</i>
boring	<i>adj.</i>	dull and uninteresting · ennuyeux	<i>The shifts were endlessly boring.</i>
tired	<i>adj.</i>	in need of rest · fatigué	<i>Tired and bored, he longed for Friday.</i>
want	<i>v.</i>	to wish for or desire · vouloir, désirer	<i>He wanted more than this grey life.</i>
wish	<i>v.</i>	to long for something · souhaiter	<i>She wished to escape the town.</i>
fun	<i>n.</i>	light-hearted enjoyment · amusement, plaisir	<i>Weekends were for fun and nothing else.</i>
party	<i>v.</i>	to celebrate noisily · faire la fête	<i>They partied till dawn on Saturdays.</i>
drink	<i>v.</i>	to swallow alcohol · boire	<i>He drank to forget the week.</i>
free	<i>adj.</i>	not under control or restraint · libre	<i>On Sundays he felt almost free.</i>
rule	<i>n.</i>	an authoritative regulation · règle	<i>He broke every rule with a grin.</i>
boss	<i>n.</i>	a person in charge · patron, chef	<i>He answered the boss with a sneer.</i>
angry	<i>adj.</i>	feeling strong displeasure · en colère	<i>Angry at the world, he picked fights.</i>
wild	<i>adj.</i>	uncontrolled and reckless · sauvage, déchaîné	<i>His weekends grew ever wilder.</i>
escape	<i>n.</i>	a getaway from routine · évasion, échappatoire	<i>Drink was his only escape.</i>

Groupe 2

Mots à apprendre

Mot	Classe	Sens	Exemple en contexte
humdrum	<i>adj.</i>	dull and monotonous · monotone, banal	<i>He could not bear his humdrum days.</i>
treadmill	<i>n.</i>	a wearisome, repetitive routine · train-train, métro-boulot-dodo	<i>Factory life was a grey treadmill.</i>
plod	<i>v.</i>	to work or move slowly and laboriously · avancer péniblement, trimer	<i>He plodded through each identical shift.</i>
ingrained	<i>adj.</i>	deeply fixed and hard to change · ancré, enraciné	<i>Their habits were deeply ingrained.</i>
hanker	<i>v.</i>	to crave persistently (hanker after) · soupirer après, avoir envie de	<i>He hankered after a wilder life.</i>
revel	<i>v.</i>	to take great delight (revel in) · se délecter, faire la fête	<i>He revelled in every small rebellion.</i>
carouse	<i>v.</i>	to drink and make merry noisily · faire la noce, bambocher	<i>They caroused until closing time.</i>
guzzle	<i>v.</i>	to drink greedily · siffler, descendre	<i>He guzzled pint after pint.</i>
gratify	<i>v.</i>	to give satisfaction to · satisfaire, contenter	<i>Nothing gratified him like defiance.</i>
buck	<i>v.</i>	to resist or oppose (buck the system) · se rebiffer, ruer	<i>He bucked authority at every turn.</i>
chafe	<i>v.</i>	to feel restless irritation (chafe at) · ronger son frein, s'irriter	<i>He chafed at the foreman's orders.</i>
gripe	<i>v.</i>	to grumble and complain · râler, rouspéter	<i>The men griped about their wages.</i>
lash out	<i>phrasal</i>	to attack suddenly in words or blows · se déchaîner, fustiger	<i>He lashed out at anyone who nagged him.</i>
brazen	<i>adj.</i>	boldly shameless · effronté, éhonté	<i>She gave a brazen, mocking laugh.</i>
wayward	<i>adj.</i>	wilful and hard to control · rebelle, capricieux	<i>A wayward lad who answered to no one.</i>

Expressions idiomatiques

Expression idiomatique	Sens
stuck in a rut	coincé dans la routine
to paint the town red	faire la fête, faire la bringue
to buck the trend	aller à contre-courant

Mots à reconnaître

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routine	<i>n.</i>	a fixed, regular way of doing things · routine	<i>The same grey routine wore him down.</i>
monotonous	<i>adj.</i>	dull through repetition · monotone	<i>A monotonous hum filled the shop floor.</i>
repetitive	<i>adj.</i>	repeating the same thing · répétitif	<i>Repetitive tasks dulled his mind.</i>
weary	<i>adj.</i>	tired and worn out · las, épuisé	<i>Weary men shuffled to the gate.</i>
desire	<i>n.</i>	a strong wish · désir, envie	<i>A desire for more burned in him.</i>
pleasure	<i>n.</i>	a feeling of enjoyment · plaisir	<i>He chased pleasure with grim energy.</i>
enjoy	<i>v.</i>	to take delight in · apprécier, savourer	<i>He enjoyed defying them most of all.</i>
rebel	<i>v.</i>	to resist authority · se rebeller	<i>Something in him had to rebel.</i>
disobey	<i>v.</i>	to refuse to follow orders · désobéir	<i>He disobeyed just to feel alive.</i>
defiant	<i>adj.</i>	openly resisting authority · provocant, de défi	<i>A defiant grin spread over his face.</i>
restless	<i>adj.</i>	unable to keep still or content · agité, fébrile	<i>Restless, he hated being told what to do.</i>
reckless	<i>adj.</i>	heedless of danger · imprudent, téméraire	<i>Reckless and proud, he feared nothing.</i>
stubborn	<i>adj.</i>	refusing to yield · têtu, obstiné	<i>Too stubborn to bend, he stood his ground.</i>
riot	<i>n.</i>	wild, violent disorder · émeute, débordement	<i>The dance nearly ended in a riot.</i>
idle	<i>adj.</i>	not working; lazy · oisif, désœuvré	<i>Idle hands itched for trouble.</i>

Groupe 3

Mots à apprendre

Mot	Classe	Sens	Exemple en contexte
tedium	<i>n.</i>	the state of being tediously dull · ennui, monotonie	<i>The tedium of the line numbed his mind.</i>
rote	<i>n.</i>	mechanical repetition (by rote) · par cœur, machinalement	<i>He worked the machine purely by rote.</i>
lust	<i>v.</i>	to have a strong craving for · convoiter, désirer ardemment	<i>He lusted after freedom and noise.</i>
debauch	<i>v.</i>	to corrupt with excess; to over-indulge · se livrer à la débauche	<i>Weekends debauched the sober week.</i>
revelry	<i>n.</i>	noisy festivity and merrymaking · festivités, beuverie	<i>The night dissolved into drunken revelry.</i>
bender	<i>n.</i>	a bout of heavy drinking · beuverie, cuite	<i>He went on a two-day bender.</i>
swill	<i>v.</i>	to drink greedily or coarsely · siffler, lamper	<i>They swilled cheap ale all night.</i>
bridle	<i>v.</i>	to react with sudden anger (bridle at) · se rebiffer, regimber	<i>He bridled at the slightest order.</i>
truculent	<i>adj.</i>	aggressively defiant · agressif, batailleur	<i>A truculent stare met the gaffer.</i>
obstreperous	<i>adj.</i>	noisy and unruly · tapageur, récalcitrant	<i>The obstreperous crowd jeered the band.</i>
bloody-minded	<i>adj.</i>	deliberately uncooperative · buté, qui contrarie exprès	<i>He was bloody-minded out of pure spite.</i>
bolshie	<i>adj.</i>	rebellious and uncooperative · contestataire, rouspéteur	<i>A bolshie new apprentice talked back.</i>
cussed	<i>adj.</i>	stubbornly contrary · têtu, récalcitrant	<i>Cussed to the last, he refused to apologise.</i>
mutinous	<i>adj.</i>	rebellious; defying authority · mutin, rebelle	<i>A mutinous mood spread along the line.</i>
rakish	<i>adj.</i>	dashing disreputable · débauché, cavalier	<i>He wore his cap at a rakish angle.</i>

Expressions idiomatiques

Expression idiomatique	Sens
to throw caution to the wind	faire fi de toute prudence
nose to the grindstone	au boulot sans relâche
to kick against the pricks	regimber, ruer dans les brancards

Mots à reconnaître

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monotony	<i>n.</i>	tiresome lack of variety · monotonie	<i>The monotony crushed his spirit.</i>
hedonism	<i>n.</i>	devotion to pleasure · hédonisme	<i>His creed was pure hedonism.</i>
dissipation	<i>n.</i>	wasteful indulgence in pleasure · dissipation, débauche	<i>A life of dissipation lay ahead.</i>
debauchery	<i>n.</i>	excessive indulgence in vice · débauche	<i>The weekend's debauchery left him spent.</i>
insubordinate	<i>adj.</i>	defying authority · insubordonné	<i>An insubordinate worker, often warned.</i>
recalcitrant	<i>adj.</i>	stubbornly disobedient · récalcitrant	<i>A recalcitrant lad, deaf to advice.</i>
intractable	<i>adj.</i>	hard to control or manage · intraitable, ingérable	<i>Intractable, he would not be tamed.</i>
refractory	<i>adj.</i>	resistant to control · rétif, indocile	<i>A refractory streak ran through him.</i>
contumacious	<i>adj.</i>	wilfully disobedient to authority · rebelle, insoumis	<i>His contumacious manner shocked them.</i>
riotous	<i>adj.</i>	wild and disorderly · tapageur, débridé	<i>A riotous night at the local pub.</i>
rambunctious	<i>adj.</i>	boisterous and unruly · exubérant, turbulent	<i>A rambunctious crowd packed the bar.</i>
fractious	<i>adj.</i>	irritable and quarrelsome · grincheux, querelleur	<i>A fractious mood gripped the men.</i>
ungovernable	<i>adj.</i>	impossible to control · ingouvernable	<i>His temper was ungovernable.</i>
self-indulgent	<i>adj.</i>	over-indulging one's desires · complaisant envers soi	<i>Self-indulgent to the core.</i>
dissipated	<i>adj.</i>	worn out by overindulgence · dissipé, débauché	<i>A dissipated grin, eyes red with drink.</i>