

Vocabulaire 1-20

Groupe 1

Mots à apprendre

Mot	Classe	Sens	Exemple en contexte
glance	v.	to look quickly · jeter un coup d'œil	<i>He glanced over his shoulder nervously.</i>
peer	v.	to look closely or with difficulty · scruter, regarder attentivement	<i>She peered through the grimy window.</i>
stare	v.	to look fixedly · fixer, dévisager	<i>Neighbours stared as he staggered home.</i>
spy	v.	to catch sight of · apercevoir, repérer	<i>He spied a familiar face in the crowd.</i>
peek	n.	a quick, furtive look · coup d'œil furtif	<i>She took a peek through the curtains.</i>
gossip	n.	idle talk about others' affairs · commérages, ragots	<i>The factory ran on gossip and rumour.</i>
disapproving	adj.	showing disapproval · désapprobateur, réprobateur	<i>He met only disapproving looks.</i>
cow	v.	to intimidate into submission · intimider, mater	<i>They tried to cow him into behaving.</i>
shame	n.	a painful feeling of disgrace · honte	<i>Talk of shame meant nothing to him.</i>
nag	v.	to pester with constant complaints · harceler, casser les pieds	<i>His aunt nagged him to settle down.</i>
meddle	v.	to interfere in others' affairs · se mêler de	<i>Neighbours loved to meddle in his life.</i>
pressurise	v.	to force or persuade by pressure · faire pression sur	<i>They pressurised her to keep quiet.</i>
din	n.	a loud, unpleasant noise · vacarme, tapage	<i>The din of the machines never stopped.</i>
reek	v.	to smell strongly and unpleasantly · puer, empestier	<i>He reeked of beer and cigarettes.</i>
sting	v.	to cause a sharp, smarting pain · piquer, brûler	<i>The smoke made his eyes sting.</i>

Expressions idiomatiques

Expression idiomatique	Sens
to keep an eye on	surveiller, garder un œil sur
to talk behind someone's back	dire du mal dans le dos de qqn
to turn a blind eye	fermer les yeux (sur)

Mots à reconnaître

Mot	Classe	Sens	Exemple en contexte
look	<i>v.</i>	to direct one's eyes · regarder	<i>He looked away to avoid their eyes.</i>
see	<i>v.</i>	to perceive with the eyes · voir	<i>She saw him sneak out at dawn.</i>
watch	<i>v.</i>	to observe attentively · observer, surveiller	<i>The whole street watched his comings and goings.</i>
notice	<i>v.</i>	to become aware of · remarquer	<i>Few noticed how unhappy he was.</i>
smell	<i>n.</i>	an odour perceived by the nose · odeur	<i>The smell of frying drifted out.</i>
hear	<i>v.</i>	to perceive sound · entendre	<i>She heard them whispering about her.</i>
loud	<i>adj.</i>	producing much noise · fort, bruyant	<i>The pub grew louder by the hour.</i>
bright	<i>adj.</i>	giving off strong light · vif, éclatant	<i>Bright lights flashed in the dance hall.</i>
taste	<i>n.</i>	the flavour of something · goût	<i>The bitter taste of cheap beer.</i>
talk	<i>n.</i>	gossip; rumour · racontars, on-dit	<i>There was talk all over the estate.</i>
rumour	<i>n.</i>	an unverified report · rumeur	<i>A rumour spread about the baby.</i>
judge	<i>v.</i>	to form a critical opinion of · juger	<i>They were quick to judge her.</i>
neighbour	<i>n.</i>	a person living nearby · voisin	<i>Nosy neighbours watched every door.</i>
whisper	<i>v.</i>	to speak very softly · chuchoter	<i>They whispered as she passed.</i>
frown	<i>v.</i>	to show disapproval with the face · froncer les sourcils	<i>The vicar frowned at his behaviour.</i>

Groupe 2

Mots à apprendre

Mot	Classe	Sens	Exemple en contexte
gaze	<i>v.</i>	to look steadily and intently · contempler, fixer du regard	<i>She gazed at the dancers, half-dreaming.</i>
scan	<i>v.</i>	to look over searchingly · scruter, parcourir des yeux	<i>He scanned the bar for trouble.</i>
heed	<i>v.</i>	to pay careful attention to · prêter attention à, tenir compte de	<i>He never heeded their warnings.</i>
survey	<i>v.</i>	to look over and examine · examiner, inspecter du regard	<i>She surveyed the room with cool contempt.</i>
squint	<i>v.</i>	to look with partly closed eyes · plisser les yeux, loucher	<i>He squinted through the cigarette smoke.</i>
tang	<i>n.</i>	a sharp taste or smell · goût / odeur piquante	<i>The tang of stale ale hung in the air.</i>
blare	<i>v.</i>	to sound loudly and harshly · beugler, retentir	<i>Music blared from the dance hall.</i>
tingle	<i>v.</i>	to feel a slight prickling sensation · picoter, fourmiller	<i>Excitement made her skin tingle.</i>
busybody	<i>n.</i>	a person who pries into others' affairs · fouineur, mêle-tout	<i>Every street had its watchful busybody.</i>
disgrace	<i>n.</i>	loss of honour or respect · déshonneur, disgrâce	<i>He courted disgrace without a care.</i>
censure	<i>v.</i>	to criticise harshly and formally · blâmer, réprouber	<i>The chapel censured his wild ways.</i>
nettle	<i>v.</i>	to provoke or irritate · agacer, piquer au vif	<i>Their sneers nettled him into a fight.</i>
slight	<i>v.</i>	to insult by treating as unimportant · dédaigner, faire un affront à	<i>She felt slighted by his cold nod.</i>
coerce	<i>v.</i>	to force by threats or pressure · contraindre, forcer	<i>No one could coerce him into apology.</i>
raucous	<i>adj.</i>	harsh and noisy · rauque, tapageur	<i>Raucous laughter spilled from the pub.</i>

Expressions idiomatiques

Expression idiomatique	Sens
to set tongues wagging	faire jaser
to look down one's nose at	regarder de haut, mépriser
the talk of the town	le sujet de toutes les conversations

Mots à reconnaître

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regard	v.	to look at or consider in a certain way · considérer , regarder	<i>She regarded him with open scorn.</i>
perceive	v.	to become aware of through the senses · percevoir	<i>He perceived the change in their faces.</i>
glare	v.	to stare angrily · lancer un regard furieux	<i>She glared at the gossiping women.</i>
witness	v.	to see (an event) happen · être témoin de	<i>Half the street witnessed the row.</i>
reputation	n.	the opinion others hold of someone · réputation	<i>His reputation was already ruined.</i>
scandal	n.	an action causing public outrage · scandale	<i>The scandal kept tongues busy for weeks.</i>
conform	v.	to comply with accepted standards · se conformer	<i>He refused to conform to their rules.</i>
scrutinise	v.	to examine closely · scruter , examiner	<i>Neighbours scrutinised her every move.</i>
disapprove	v.	to regard with disfavour · désapprouver	<i>Her parents loudly disapproved.</i>
criticise	v.	to find fault with · critiquer	<i>They criticised him behind closed doors.</i>
condemn	v.	to express strong disapproval of · condamner	<i>The chapel condemned his drinking.</i>
influence	v.	to affect or sway · influencer	<i>Friends influenced his every choice.</i>
persuade	v.	to convince by argument · persuader	<i>She tried to persuade him to stay.</i>
pressure	n.	forceful persuasion or stress · pression	<i>Social pressure meant nothing to him.</i>
intrusive	adj.	unwelcome and prying · intrusif , importun	<i>Their intrusive questions annoyed her.</i>

Groupe 3

Mots à apprendre

Mot	Classe	Sens	Exemple en contexte
ogle	v.	to stare at lustfully · reluquer , lorgner	<i>Men ogled the girls across the bar.</i>
leer	v.	to look with a sly, lustful expression · lorgner d'un air concupiscent	<i>He leered at her from the corner.</i>
gawk	v.	to stare openly and stupidly · regarder bouche bée	<i>Children gawked at the brawl.</i>
glower	v.	to stare with sullen anger · lancer un regard noir	<i>The foreman glowered across the floor.</i>
pungent	adj.	having a sharp, strong smell or taste · âcre , piquant	<i>A pungent reek of oil and sweat.</i>
acrid	adj.	bitterly sharp to smell or taste · âcre	<i>Acrid smoke stung every throat.</i>
clammy	adj.	unpleasantly damp and sticky · moite	<i>His shirt was clammy with sweat.</i>
hector	v.	to bully with loud, threatening talk · rudoyer , intimider	<i>She hectoring him about his drinking.</i>
cajole	v.	to persuade by flattery or coaxing · amadouer , enjôler	<i>She cajoled him into staying sober.</i>
hound	v.	to harass relentlessly · harceler , traquer	<i>Gossips hounded the girl out of town.</i>
needle	v.	to provoke with persistent teasing · asticoter , harceler	<i>His mates needled him about the wedding.</i>
tarnish	v.	to damage (a reputation) · ternir , entacher	<i>Scandal tarnished the family name.</i>
slander	v.	to spread damaging false claims about · calomnier , diffamer	<i>Tongues slandered her up and down the street.</i>
prying	adj.	inquisitive about others' private affairs · indiscret , fureteur	<i>She hid from prying neighbours.</i>
prickle	v.	to tingle with a pricking sensation · picoter	<i>His neck prickled under their stares.</i>

Expressions idiomatiques

Expression idiomatique	Sens
to cast aspersions on	jeter le discrédit sur
to keep up with the Joneses	vouloir faire comme les voisins
to give someone the cold shoulder	battre froid à qqn, snober

Mots à reconnaître

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surveillance	<i>n.</i>	close watch kept over someone · surveillance	<i>She lived under the surveillance of gossips.</i>
ostracise	<i>v.</i>	to exclude from a group · ostraciser, mettre au ban	<i>The village ostracised the family.</i>
stigmatise	<i>v.</i>	to mark out with disgrace · stigmatiser	<i>Society stigmatised unwed mothers.</i>
vilify	<i>v.</i>	to speak ill of; to defame · vilipender, dénigrer	<i>The papers vilified his kind.</i>
denounce	<i>v.</i>	to condemn publicly · dénoncer	<i>Preachers denounced such loose living.</i>
besmirch	<i>v.</i>	to damage the good name of · entacher, salir	<i>Rumour besmirched her reputation.</i>
defame	<i>v.</i>	to harm the reputation of · diffamer	<i>He was defamed in every parlour.</i>
opprobrium	<i>n.</i>	harsh public disgrace and scorn · opprobre	<i>She bore the opprobrium of the town.</i>
ensorious	<i>adj.</i>	severely critical of others · réprobateur, sévère	<i>A censorious aunt ruled the house.</i>
inquisitive	<i>adj.</i>	curious; prying · curieux, fureteur	<i>Inquisitive eyes followed her.</i>
voyeuristic	<i>adj.</i>	taking pleasure in watching others · voyeuriste	<i>A voyeuristic thrill ran through the crowd.</i>
olfactory	<i>adj.</i>	relating to the sense of smell · olfactif	<i>An olfactory wave of smoke and ale.</i>
cacophony	<i>n.</i>	a harsh mixture of sounds · cacophonie	<i>A cacophony of voices filled the bar.</i>
sensory	<i>adj.</i>	relating to the senses · sensoriel	<i>A rich sensory din of Saturday night.</i>
reproachful	<i>adj.</i>	expressing blame or disappointment · réprobateur, plein de reproche	<i>A reproachful glance from his mother.</i>