

# Vocabulaire 1-24

## Groupe 1

### Mots à apprendre

| Mot                | Classe      | Sens                                                       | Exemple en contexte                              |
|--------------------|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| <b>nimble</b>      | <i>adj.</i> | quick and light in movement · agile, leste                 | <i>Rocky was far more nimble than the giant.</i> |
| <b>sturdy</b>      | <i>adj.</i> | strongly and solidly built · robuste, solide               | <i>A less sturdy frame would have buckled.</i>   |
| <b>stout</b>       | <i>adj.</i> | solid, thick-set and strong · solide, vigoureux            | <i>He put up a stout resistance.</i>             |
| <b>plucky</b>      | <i>adj.</i> | showing spirited courage · courageux, qui a du cran        | <i>The pluckier fighter took the round.</i>      |
| <b>potent</b>      | <i>adj.</i> | powerful and effective · puissant, fort                    | <i>His left hook was the more potent weapon.</i> |
| <b>mighty</b>      | <i>adj.</i> | extremely powerful · puissant, colossal                    | <i>Drago was the mightier of the two.</i>        |
| <b>unbeaten</b>    | <i>adj.</i> | never having been defeated · invaincu                      | <i>Drago came in unbeaten and unafraid.</i>      |
| <b>unstoppable</b> | <i>adj.</i> | impossible to halt · irrésistible                          | <i>He felt almost unstoppable by the tenth.</i>  |
| <b>unmatched</b>   | <i>adj.</i> | having no equal · inégalé, sans égal                       | <i>His sheer desire was unmatched.</i>           |
| <b>unrivalled</b>  | <i>adj.</i> | better than all others · sans rival, hors pair             | <i>Drago's raw power was unrivalled.</i>         |
| <b>foremost</b>    | <i>adj.</i> | most prominent; leading · premier, le plus en vue          | <i>The foremost heavyweight of the age.</i>      |
| <b>top-notch</b>   | <i>adj.</i> | of the highest quality · de premier ordre                  | <i>A top-notch corner team backed him.</i>       |
| <b>absolutely</b>  | <i>adv.</i> | completely; without qualification · absolument, totalement | <i>He was absolutely shattered.</i>              |
| <b>thoroughly</b>  | <i>adv.</i> | completely and in every way · complètement, à fond         | <i>He was thoroughly outboxed early on.</i>      |
| <b>downright</b>   | <i>adv.</i> | utterly; plainly (often negative) · carrément, franchement | <i>The pace was downright brutal.</i>            |

## Expressions idiomatiques

| Expression idiomatique          | Sens                    |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>second to none</b>           | sans pareil, inégalé    |
| <b>head and shoulders above</b> | largement au-dessus     |
| <b>the best of the best</b>     | le meilleur du meilleur |

## Mots à reconnaître

| Mot            | Classe      | Sens                                                   | Exemple en contexte                         |
|----------------|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| <b>strong</b>  | <i>adj.</i> | having great power · fort, puissant                    | <i>The stronger man set the pace.</i>       |
| <b>fast</b>    | <i>adj.</i> | moving at high speed · rapide                          | <i>Rocky was the faster of the two.</i>     |
| <b>big</b>     | <i>adj.</i> | large in size · grand, gros                            | <i>Drago was the bigger fighter by far.</i> |
| <b>tough</b>   | <i>adj.</i> | strong and resilient · dur, coriace                    | <i>A tougher opponent he had never met.</i> |
| <b>weak</b>    | <i>adj.</i> | lacking strength · faible                              | <i>His weaker side took the blows.</i>      |
| <b>better</b>  | <i>adj.</i> | of higher quality · meilleur                           | <i>He grew better with every round.</i>     |
| <b>best</b>    | <i>adj.</i> | of the highest quality · le meilleur                   | <i>The best of them all, some said.</i>     |
| <b>equal</b>   | <i>adj.</i> | the same in value or degree · égal                     | <i>No equal had ever faced him.</i>         |
| <b>match</b>   | <i>n.</i>   | a person equal to another · égal, adversaire de taille | <i>He had finally met his match.</i>        |
| <b>contest</b> | <i>n.</i>   | a competition · affrontement, concours                 | <i>The contest gripped the whole world.</i> |
| <b>score</b>   | <i>n.</i>   | the points or judges' tally · score, points            | <i>The score was even after ten.</i>        |
| <b>title</b>   | <i>n.</i>   | a championship rank · titre, ceinture                  | <i>The title hung on one round.</i>         |
| <b>prize</b>   | <i>n.</i>   | a reward for victory · prix, récompense                | <i>The prize was glory, not money.</i>      |
| <b>record</b>  | <i>n.</i>   | a fighter's win-loss tally · palmarès, record          | <i>An unbeaten record on the line.</i>      |
| <b>level</b>   | <i>n.</i>   | a standard or degree · niveau                          | <i>He fought at a whole new level.</i>      |

## Groupe 2

### Mots à apprendre

| Mot                 | Classe      | Sens                                                              | Exemple en contexte                            |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <b>spry</b>         | <i>adj.</i> | active and lively despite age · <b>alerte, fringant</b>           | <i>The old trainer was surprisingly spry.</i>  |
| <b>supple</b>       | <i>adj.</i> | flexible and able to bend easily · <b>souple</b>                  | <i>Suppler joints helped him slip the jab.</i> |
| <b>valiant</b>      | <i>adj.</i> | showing great courage · <b>vaillant, valeureux</b>                | <i>A valiant effort against the odds.</i>      |
| <b>redoubtable</b>  | <i>adj.</i> | formidable; to be feared · <b>redoutable</b>                      | <i>Drago was a redoubtable opponent.</i>       |
| <b>unbowed</b>      | <i>adj.</i> | not defeated or subdued · <b>non soumis, qui ne plie pas</b>      | <i>Bloodied but unbowed, he fought on.</i>     |
| <b>unbeatable</b>   | <i>adj.</i> | impossible to defeat · <b>imbattable</b>                          | <i>Drago seemed all but unbeatable.</i>        |
| <b>world-class</b>  | <i>adj.</i> | of the highest international standard · <b>de classe mondiale</b> | <i>World-class power behind every punch.</i>   |
| <b>peerless</b>     | <i>adj.</i> | better than all others; matchless · <b>sans pareil, hors pair</b> | <i>A peerless display of heart.</i>            |
| <b>unparalleled</b> | <i>adj.</i> | having no equal · <b>sans précédent, inégalé</b>                  | <i>His comeback was unparalleled.</i>          |
| <b>paramount</b>    | <i>adj.</i> | more important than anything else · <b>primordial, suprême</b>    | <i>Survival was now paramount.</i>             |
| <b>overmatched</b>  | <i>adj.</i> | outclassed by a stronger opponent · <b>surclassé, dominé</b>      | <i>He looked badly overmatched at first.</i>   |
| <b>outclassed</b>   | <i>adj.</i> | clearly surpassed in skill · <b>surclassé</b>                     | <i>Early on he was plainly outclassed.</i>     |
| <b>decidedly</b>    | <i>adv.</i> | definitely; to a marked degree · <b>résolument, nettement</b>     | <i>The mood turned decidedly tense.</i>        |
| <b>markedly</b>     | <i>adv.</i> | noticeably; to a clear extent · <b>nettement, sensiblement</b>    | <i>He tired markedly in the heat.</i>          |
| <b>vastly</b>       | <i>adv.</i> | by a very great amount · <b>infiniment, largement</b>             | <i>Drago was vastly the heavier man.</i>       |

## Expressions idiomatiques

| Expression idiomatique          | Sens                      |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>in a league of one's own</b> | dans une catégorie à part |
| <b>streets ahead of</b>         | très loin devant          |
| <b>to leave in the dust</b>     | distancer, semer          |

## Mots à reconnaître

| Mot                 | Classe      | Sens                                                   | Exemple en contexte                         |
|---------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| <b>superior</b>     | <i>adj.</i> | higher in quality or rank · supérieur                  | <i>Drago's reach was clearly superior.</i>  |
| <b>inferior</b>     | <i>adj.</i> | lower in quality or rank · inférieur                   | <i>He refused to feel inferior.</i>         |
| <b>dominant</b>     | <i>adj.</i> | most powerful or influential · dominant                | <i>A dominant champion for years.</i>       |
| <b>formidable</b>   | <i>adj.</i> | inspiring fear and respect · formidable, redoutable    | <i>A formidable wall of muscle.</i>         |
| <b>powerful</b>     | <i>adj.</i> | having great force · puissant                          | <i>The more powerful blows landed late.</i> |
| <b>comparable</b>   | <i>adj.</i> | able to be likened to another · comparable             | <i>No fighter was comparable to him.</i>    |
| <b>equivalent</b>   | <i>adj.</i> | equal in value or meaning · équivalent                 | <i>An equivalent will, but less brawn.</i>  |
| <b>supreme</b>      | <i>adj.</i> | highest in authority or quality · suprême              | <i>Supreme confidence carried him in.</i>   |
| <b>ultimate</b>     | <i>adj.</i> | the greatest or most extreme · ultime, suprême         | <i>The ultimate test of his life.</i>       |
| <b>immense</b>      | <i>adj.</i> | extremely large · immense                              | <i>An immense gulf in size remained.</i>    |
| <b>considerable</b> | <i>adj.</i> | notably large · considérable                           | <i>A considerable edge in reach.</i>        |
| <b>substantial</b>  | <i>adj.</i> | of real, large size or value · substantiel, conséquent | <i>A substantial weight advantage.</i>      |
| <b>overwhelming</b> | <i>adj.</i> | very great; irresistible · écrasant                    | <i>An overwhelming early onslaught.</i>     |
| <b>decisive</b>     | <i>adj.</i> | settling an issue conclusively · décisif               | <i>A decisive blow ended it all.</i>        |
| <b>margin</b>       | <i>n.</i>   | the amount by which one wins · marge, écart            | <i>He won by the narrowest margin.</i>      |

## Groupe 3

### Mots à apprendre

| Mot                 | Classe      | Sens                                                      | Exemple en contexte                            |
|---------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <b>doughty</b>      | <i>adj.</i> | brave and persistent · vaillant, valeureux                | <i>A doughty veteran of many wars.</i>         |
| <b>matchless</b>    | <i>adj.</i> | so good as to have no equal · incomparable, sans pareil   | <i>His will proved matchless.</i>              |
| <b>consummate</b>   | <i>adj.</i> | supremely skilled and complete · accompli, parfait        | <i>A consummate ring tactician.</i>            |
| <b>unassailable</b> | <i>adj.</i> | impossible to attack or defeat · inattaquable, imprenable | <i>His late lead looked unassailable.</i>      |
| <b>unequalled</b>   | <i>adj.</i> | greater than all others · inégalé                         | <i>Stamina unequalled in the division.</i>     |
| <b>nonpareil</b>    | <i>adj.</i> | having no match; peerless · sans pareil, sans égal        | <i>A nonpareil champion in his prime.</i>      |
| <b>rangy</b>        | <i>adj.</i> | tall, lean and long-limbed · élané et musclé              | <i>A rangy fighter with a long reach.</i>      |
| <b>raw-boned</b>    | <i>adj.</i> | gaunt and large-boned · maigre et osseux                  | <i>A raw-boned giant from the steppes.</i>     |
| <b>unflagging</b>   | <i>adj.</i> | never weakening or tiring · inlassable, soutenu           | <i>His unflagging will wore Drago down.</i>    |
| <b>gargantuan</b>   | <i>adj.</i> | enormous · gigantesque, colossal                          | <i>A gargantuan figure filled the doorway.</i> |
| <b>stupendous</b>   | <i>adj.</i> | astoundingly great · prodigieux, colossal                 | <i>A stupendous effort hauled him up.</i>      |
| <b>whopping</b>     | <i>adj.</i> | extremely large (informal) · énorme, colossal             | <i>He gave away a whopping six inches.</i>     |
| <b>immeasurably</b> | <i>adv.</i> | to an extent too great to measure · infiniment            | <i>He grew immeasurably stronger.</i>          |
| <b>exceedingly</b>  | <i>adv.</i> | to a very great degree · extrêmement                      | <i>An exceedingly dangerous opponent.</i>      |
| <b>palpably</b>     | <i>adv.</i> | in a way easily perceived · manifestement                 | <i>The tension was palpably rising.</i>        |

### Expressions idiomatiques

| Expression idiomatique        | Sens                                |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>to be a cut above</b>      | être supérieur, d'un cran au-dessus |
| <b>to run rings around</b>    | surclasser largement                |
| <b>there is no comparison</b> | il n'y a pas photo                  |

## Mots à reconnaître

| Mot                   | Classe      | Sens                                              | Exemple en contexte                          |
|-----------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| <b>preeminent</b>     | <i>adj.</i> | surpassing all others · prééminent                | <i>The preeminent boxer of his era.</i>      |
| <b>transcendent</b>   | <i>adj.</i> | going beyond ordinary limits · transcendant       | <i>A transcendent display of will.</i>       |
| <b>incomparable</b>   | <i>adj.</i> | beyond comparison · incomparable                  | <i>An incomparable feat of grit.</i>         |
| <b>invincible</b>     | <i>adj.</i> | unable to be defeated · invincible                | <i>Drago looked all but invincible.</i>      |
| <b>insuperable</b>    | <i>adj.</i> | impossible to overcome · insurmountable           | <i>An insuperable lead, it seemed.</i>       |
| <b>unmitigated</b>    | <i>adj.</i> | total; without redeeming feature · absolu, total  | <i>An unmitigated mismatch on paper.</i>     |
| <b>quintessential</b> | <i>adj.</i> | the most perfect example of · par excellence      | <i>The quintessential underdog tale.</i>     |
| <b>definitive</b>     | <i>adj.</i> | conclusive and authoritative · définitif, décisif | <i>A definitive answer in the ring.</i>      |
| <b>categorical</b>    | <i>adj.</i> | unambiguous and absolute · catégorique, absolu    | <i>A categorical statement of intent.</i>    |
| <b>comparative</b>    | <i>adj.</i> | measured by comparison · comparatif               | <i>His comparative speed told late on.</i>   |
| <b>superlative</b>    | <i>adj.</i> | of the highest degree · superlatif, exceptionnel  | <i>A superlative champion's heart.</i>       |
| <b>gradation</b>      | <i>n.</i>   | a scale of successive degrees · gradation, palier | <i>Each gradation of pain showed.</i>        |
| <b>disparity</b>      | <i>n.</i>   | a great difference · disparité, écart             | <i>The disparity in size was vast.</i>       |
| <b>hierarchy</b>      | <i>n.</i>   | a ranked order · hiérarchie                       | <i>He climbed the heavyweight hierarchy.</i> |
| <b>supremacy</b>      | <i>n.</i>   | the state of being supreme · suprématie           | <i>Two nations fought for supremacy.</i>     |