

Vocabulaire 1-25

Groupe 1

Mots à apprendre

Marqueur	Classe	Sens	Exemple en contexte
however	<i>conn.</i>	introduces a contrast · cependant, toutefois	<i>I felt utterly alone; however, I still had Max.</i>
therefore	<i>conn.</i>	introduces a logical result · donc, par conséquent	<i>No one wrote to me; therefore, I wrote first.</i>
moreover	<i>conn.</i>	adds a further point · de plus, en outre	<i>Max loved chocolate; moreover, he loved his fish.</i>
for instance	<i>conn.</i>	introduces an example · par exemple	<i>Many felt lonely — for instance, my own mother.</i>
in addition	<i>conn.</i>	adds extra information · de plus, en outre	<i>She sent a letter and, in addition, a sweet.</i>
on the other hand	<i>conn.</i>	introduces an opposing view · d'un autre côté	<i>Letters were slow; on the other hand, they lasted.</i>
as a result	<i>conn.</i>	shows a consequence · en conséquence, du coup	<i>He felt understood and, as a result, calmer.</i>
in my opinion	<i>conn.</i>	signals a personal view · à mon avis	<i>In my opinion, everyone deserves one true friend.</i>
personally	<i>adv.</i>	gives one's own viewpoint · personnellement	<i>Personally, I never minded his odd habits.</i>
of course	<i>conn.</i>	marks something obvious · bien sûr	<i>Of course, Max found people confusing.</i>
in fact	<i>conn.</i>	emphasises or corrects · en fait, en réalité	<i>I was shy; in fact, I rarely spoke at all.</i>
firstly	<i>adv.</i>	introduces the first point · premièrement, d'abord	<i>Firstly, I asked where babies came from.</i>
besides	<i>conn.</i>	adds a stronger reason · d'ailleurs, en plus	<i>Besides, who else would understand me?</i>
so	<i>conn.</i>	introduces a result · donc, alors	<i>I had no friends, so I made a pen pal.</i>
clearly	<i>adv.</i>	states something evident · clairement, manifestement	<i>Clearly, they needed each other.</i>

Expressions idiomatiques

Expression idiomatique	Sens
to be of two minds	être partagé, hésiter
to see eye to eye	être du même avis
in a nutshell	en un mot, en résumé

Mots à reconnaître

Marqueur	Classe	Sens	Exemple en contexte
letter	<i>n.</i>	a written message sent by post · lettre	<i>She posted the letter the very same day.</i>
friend	<i>n.</i>	a person one knows and likes · ami	<i>Max became her only true friend.</i>
lonely	<i>adj.</i>	sad from being alone · seul, esseulé	<i>A lonely girl in a quiet suburb.</i>
pen pal	<i>n.</i>	a friend known only by letters · correspondant	<i>She wanted a pen pal from far away.</i>
reply	<i>n.</i>	an answer to a message · réponse	<i>His reply took months to arrive.</i>
stamp	<i>n.</i>	a sticker that pays for postage · timbre	<i>She licked the stamp and posted it.</i>
envelope	<i>n.</i>	a paper cover for a letter · enveloppe	<i>A fat envelope dropped through the slot.</i>
opinion	<i>n.</i>	a personal view or belief · opinion, avis	<i>She asked his opinion on everything.</i>
agree	<i>v.</i>	to share the same view · être d'accord	<i>They did not always agree.</i>
disagree	<i>v.</i>	to hold a different view · ne pas être d'accord	<i>When they disagreed, they wrote it out.</i>
view	<i>n.</i>	a way of seeing or judging · point de vue	<i>His view of the world was unusual.</i>
point	<i>n.</i>	an idea put forward · argument, point	<i>She saw the point he was making.</i>
reason	<i>n.</i>	a cause or justification · raison	<i>He gave clear reasons for everything.</i>
believe	<i>v.</i>	to accept as true · croire	<i>She believed every word he wrote.</i>
think	<i>v.</i>	to hold an opinion · penser	<i>What do you think, she would ask.</i>

Groupe 2

Mots à apprendre

Marqueur	Classe	Sens	Exemple en contexte
nevertheless	<i>conn.</i>	introduces a strong contrast · néanmoins	<i>People baffled Max; nevertheless, he kept writing.</i>
furthermore	<i>conn.</i>	adds a further, formal point · de plus, qui plus est	<i>She apologised; furthermore, she meant it.</i>
consequently	<i>conn.</i>	shows a formal result · par conséquent	<i>He felt heard; consequently, his anxiety eased.</i>
on the contrary	<i>conn.</i>	contradicts a previous idea · au contraire	<i>He was not cruel; on the contrary, he was gentle.</i>
in other words	<i>conn.</i>	restates more simply · autrement dit	<i>He liked sameness — in other words, routine.</i>
to my mind	<i>conn.</i>	signals a considered opinion · à mon sens	<i>To my mind, their bond was the realest thing.</i>
arguably	<i>adv.</i>	signals a defensible claim · on peut soutenir que	<i>It was, arguably, his only friendship.</i>
admittedly	<i>adv.</i>	concedes a point · il est vrai que, certes	<i>Admittedly, the letters were sometimes odd.</i>
in short	<i>conn.</i>	sums up briefly · bref, en bref	<i>In short, two lonely people found each other.</i>
namely	<i>conn.</i>	specifies exactly · à savoir	<i>He had one rule, namely the same lunch each day.</i>
whereas	<i>conn.</i>	contrasts two facts · alors que, tandis que	<i>Mary was a child, whereas Max was a grown man.</i>
indeed	<i>adv.</i>	confirms or strengthens · en effet, certes	<i>It was kind; indeed, it was the kindest letter.</i>
after all	<i>conn.</i>	gives a justifying reason · après tout	<i>After all, who else truly understood him?</i>
undoubtedly	<i>adv.</i>	states something certain · indubitablement	<i>Undoubtedly, the friendship changed them both.</i>
on the whole	<i>conn.</i>	gives a general summary · dans l'ensemble	<i>On the whole, the letters did far more good than harm.</i>

Expressions idiomatiques

Expression idiomatique	Sens
to beg to differ	ne pas être d'accord (poliment)
to take with a grain of salt	prendre avec des pincettes
to get straight to the point	aller droit au but

Mots à reconnaître

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correspondence	<i>n.</i>	an exchange of letters · correspondance	<i>Their correspondence lasted twenty years.</i>
unburden	<i>v.</i>	to relieve oneself by sharing troubles · se décharger, s'épancher	<i>She unburdened her worries onto the page.</i>
acquaintance	<i>n.</i>	a person one knows slightly · connaissance, relation	<i>Max had colleagues but no acquaintances.</i>
like-minded	<i>adj.</i>	sharing the same tastes or views · de même sensibilité	<i>Two like-minded souls, oceans apart.</i>
isolation	<i>n.</i>	the state of being apart · isolement	<i>Years of isolation had shaped him.</i>
solitude	<i>n.</i>	the state of being alone · solitude	<i>He found a fragile peace in solitude.</i>
melancholy	<i>n.</i>	a thoughtful, gentle sadness · mélancolie	<i>A grey melancholy hung over the city.</i>
anxiety	<i>n.</i>	a feeling of unease or worry · anxiété	<i>His anxiety flared at any change.</i>
reassure	<i>v.</i>	to remove someone's doubts · rassurer	<i>Her letters reassured him.</i>
comfort	<i>n.</i>	a feeling of relief and ease · réconfort	<i>The letters were a quiet comfort.</i>
candour	<i>n.</i>	open, honest expression · franchise, candeur	<i>She wrote with childlike candour.</i>
sincerity	<i>n.</i>	genuineness of feeling · sincérité	<i>His sincerity shone through every line.</i>
viewpoint	<i>n.</i>	a particular attitude or way of seeing · point de vue, optique	<i>His viewpoint was gentle but firm.</i>
perspective	<i>n.</i>	a particular way of seeing things · perspective	<i>Her letters gave him a new perspective.</i>
argument	<i>n.</i>	a reason or set of reasons given · argument, raisonnement	<i>He built a careful, gentle argument.</i>

Groupe 3

Mots à apprendre

Marqueur	Classe	Sens	Exemple en contexte
nonetheless	<i>conn.</i>	introduces a strong concession · néanmoins, malgré tout	<i>He hated crowds; nonetheless, he cherished one friend.</i>
conversely	<i>conn.</i>	introduces the opposite case · inversement, à l'inverse	<i>Mary grew bolder; conversely, Max withdrew.</i>
albeit	<i>conn.</i>	introduces a concession (although) · quoique, bien que	<i>He forgave her, albeit slowly and with pain.</i>
notwithstanding	<i>conn.</i>	means in spite of · nonobstant, malgré	<i>Notwithstanding his fears, he replied at once.</i>
hence	<i>conn.</i>	shows a formal consequence · d'où, par conséquent	<i>The letters stopped; hence, Mary feared the worst.</i>
thus	<i>conn.</i>	introduces a result or manner · ainsi, de ce fait	<i>He answered every question; thus a friendship grew.</i>
accordingly	<i>conn.</i>	means in a fitting way · en conséquence	<i>She had wronged him; accordingly, she made amends.</i>
as far as I'm concerned	<i>conn.</i>	gives an emphatic opinion · en ce qui me concerne	<i>As far as I'm concerned, he was a hero.</i>
presumably	<i>adv.</i>	signals a likely assumption · vraisemblablement, sans doute	<i>Presumably, he had never been hugged.</i>
ostensibly	<i>adv.</i>	means in appearance only · en apparence, soi-disant	<i>His silence ostensibly meant anger; it meant hurt.</i>
by and large	<i>conn.</i>	means mostly, generally · dans l'ensemble, en gros	<i>By and large, the world misjudged him.</i>
all the same	<i>conn.</i>	means even so · quand même, malgré tout	<i>The reply came late; all the same, it came.</i>
then again	<i>conn.</i>	introduces a second thought · cela dit, d'un autre côté	<i>She was angry; then again, so was he.</i>
mind you	<i>conn.</i>	adds a qualifying remark · remarquez, cela dit	<i>He was odd. Mind you, so was everyone.</i>
to put it another way	<i>conn.</i>	rephrases for clarity · autrement dit, pour le dire autrement	<i>To put it another way, they completed each other.</i>

Expressions idiomatiques

Expression idiomatique	Sens
to play devil's advocate	jouer l'avocat du diable
to agree to disagree	accepter de ne pas être d'accord
for what it's worth	pour ce que ça vaut

Mots à reconnaître

Marqueur	Classe	Sens	Exemple en contexte
epistolary	<i>adj.</i>	conducted by letters · épistolaire	<i>Theirs was a wholly epistolary friendship.</i>
introspection	<i>n.</i>	examination of one's own thoughts · introspection	<i>His letters brimmed with introspection.</i>
estrangement	<i>n.</i>	a loss of former closeness · brouille, éloignement	<i>A long estrangement nearly ended it.</i>
alienation	<i>n.</i>	a feeling of not belonging · aliénation, mise à l'écart	<i>He knew deep alienation from others.</i>
empathy	<i>n.</i>	the sharing of another's feelings · empathie	<i>Her empathy reached across the ocean.</i>
vulnerability	<i>n.</i>	openness to being hurt · vulnérabilité	<i>He revealed his vulnerability slowly.</i>
idiosyncrasy	<i>n.</i>	a peculiar personal trait · particularité, manie	<i>She loved his every idiosyncrasy.</i>
neurodiversity	<i>n.</i>	natural variation in minds · neurodiversité	<i>The film gently honours neurodiversity.</i>
confidant	<i>n.</i>	a person trusted with secrets · confident	<i>She had found a lifelong confidant.</i>
rapport	<i>n.</i>	a close, harmonious bond · complicité, rapport	<i>An odd rapport grew between them.</i>
kinship	<i>n.</i>	a feeling of being closely linked · parenté, affinité	<i>They felt a kinship beyond blood.</i>
disclosure	<i>n.</i>	the act of revealing something · révélation, aveu	<i>Each disclosure deepened their trust.</i>
affirmation	<i>n.</i>	emotional support and validation · affirmation, validation	<i>His letters were full of quiet affirmation.</i>
reciprocity	<i>n.</i>	a mutual exchange · réciprocité	<i>Their bond rested on reciprocity.</i>
contention	<i>n.</i>	a point argued or disputed · point de désaccord, thèse	<i>Her one contention was that he mattered.</i>