

Vocabulaire 1-26

Groupe 1

Mots à apprendre

Mot (soutenu)	Classe	Sens	Exemple en contexte
purchase	v.	formal for "buy" · acheter (soutenu)	<i>I intend to purchase more chocolate this week.</i>
require	v.	formal for "need" · avoir besoin de (soutenu)	<i>I require precisely eight hours of sleep.</i>
receive	v.	formal for "get" · recevoir (soutenu)	<i>I was most pleased to receive your letter.</i>
reside	v.	formal for "live" · résider, habiter (soutenu)	<i>I reside at 7 Wonton Way, New York.</i>
commence	v.	formal for "start" · commencer (soutenu)	<i>I shall commence my reply at once.</i>
assist	v.	formal for "help" · aider (soutenu)	<i>Please allow me to assist you, Mary.</i>
obtain	v.	formal for "get hold of" · obtenir, se procurer (soutenu)	<i>I could not obtain the correct stamp.</i>
enquire	v.	formal for "ask" · se renseigner (soutenu)	<i>I write to enquire about Australia.</i>
depart	v.	formal for "leave" · partir (soutenu)	<i>The postman departs at noon each day.</i>
inform	v.	formal for "tell" · informer (soutenu)	<i>I must inform you of a small problem.</i>
permit	v.	formal for "let / allow" · permettre (soutenu)	<i>My doctor does not permit excitement.</i>
repair	v.	formal for "fix" · réparer (soutenu)	<i>I attempted to repair my typewriter.</i>
unearth	v.	formal for "dig up / find" · déterrer, mettre au jour (soutenu)	<i>I unearthed an old photograph of you.</i>
erect	v.	formal for "put up / build" · ériger, dresser (soutenu)	<i>They have erected a new statue downtown.</i>
sufficient	adj.	formal for "enough" · suffisant (soutenu)	<i>I have sufficient chocolate for one week.</i>

Expressions idiomatiques

Expression idiomatique	Sens
not to mince one's words	ne pas mâcher ses mots
to get one's point across	faire passer son message
plain and simple	purement et simplement

Mots à reconnaître

Mot (soutenu)	Classe	Sens	Exemple en contexte
word	<i>n.</i>	a unit of language · mot	<i>He chose each word with great care.</i>
polite	<i>adj.</i>	having good manners · poli	<i>Max was always painfully polite.</i>
kind	<i>adj.</i>	warm and considerate · gentil, bienveillant	<i>Her kind words moved him deeply.</i>
simple	<i>adj.</i>	plain and uncomplicated · simple	<i>Mary wrote in simple, honest English.</i>
plain	<i>adj.</i>	plain and direct · clair, ordinaire	<i>He preferred plain, exact language.</i>
slang	<i>n.</i>	very informal words · argot	<i>Mary's letters were full of slang.</i>
casual	<i>adj.</i>	relaxed and informal · décontracté, familier	<i>Her casual tone amused him.</i>
chatty	<i>adj.</i>	fond of friendly talk · bavard	<i>Mary's chatty letters cheered him.</i>
posh	<i>adj.</i>	upper-class; fancy · chic, snob	<i>He thought her aunt sounded posh.</i>
proper	<i>adj.</i>	correct and respectable · correct, comme il faut	<i>Max used only proper English.</i>
manners	<i>n.</i>	polite social behaviour · manières, politesse	<i>His manners were old-fashioned.</i>
tone	<i>n.</i>	the mood of a piece of writing · ton	<i>Her tone was warm and teasing.</i>
style	<i>n.</i>	a manner of writing · style	<i>His style was stiff but sincere.</i>
message	<i>n.</i>	a piece of communication · message	<i>Each message took weeks to arrive.</i>
letter	<i>n.</i>	a written postal message · lettre	<i>A new letter was a small miracle.</i>

Groupe 2

Mots à apprendre

Mot (soutenu)	Classe	Sens	Exemple en contexte
acquire	<i>v.</i>	formal for "get" · acquérir (soutenu)	<i>I have acquired a most unusual hat.</i>
dwelling	<i>n.</i>	formal for "home / place" · logement, demeure (soutenu)	<i>My dwelling is small but quite adequate.</i>
converse	<i>v.</i>	formal for "chat" · converser, s'entretenir (soutenu)	<i>I find it hard to converse aloud.</i>
comprehend	<i>v.</i>	formal for "understand" · comprendre, saisir (soutenu)	<i>I do not always comprehend people.</i>
endeavour	<i>v.</i>	formal for "try" · s'efforcer de (soutenu)	<i>I shall endeavour to answer everything.</i>
correspond	<i>v.</i>	formal for "write to" · correspondre (soutenu)	<i>We have corresponded for many years.</i>
anticipate	<i>v.</i>	formal for "expect" · prévoir, attendre (soutenu)	<i>I did not anticipate such kindness.</i>
fortunate	<i>adj.</i>	formal for "lucky" · chanceux, heureux (soutenu)	<i>I am most fortunate to know you.</i>
assemble	<i>v.</i>	formal for "put together" · assembler, monter (soutenu)	<i>I assembled the model very slowly.</i>
demonstrate	<i>v.</i>	formal for "show" · démontrer, montrer (soutenu)	<i>Your letters demonstrate true friendship.</i>
distribute	<i>v.</i>	formal for "hand out" · distribuer (soutenu)	<i>I distribute crumbs to the pigeons.</i>
terminate	<i>v.</i>	formal for "end / stop" · mettre fin à, cesser (soutenu)	<i>I had to terminate our talk abruptly.</i>
numerous	<i>adj.</i>	formal for "lots of" · nombreux, de nombreux (soutenu)	<i>I have numerous unanswered questions.</i>
peculiar	<i>adj.</i>	formal for "weird" · étrange, singulier (soutenu)	<i>Some find my daily habits peculiar.</i>
courteous	<i>adj.</i>	formal for "polite" · courtois, poli (soutenu)	<i>He was unfailingly courteous in reply.</i>

Expressions idiomatiques

Expression idiomatique	Sens
to put it bluntly	pour parler franchement
to watch one's language	surveiller son langage
to read between the lines	lire entre les lignes

Mots à reconnaître

Mot (soutenu)	Classe	Sens	Exemple en contexte
formal	<i>adj.</i>	following strict convention · soutenu, formel	<i>Max wrote in a very formal way.</i>
informal	<i>adj.</i>	relaxed and everyday · familier, informel	<i>Mary's English was cheerfully informal.</i>
colloquial	<i>adj.</i>	of ordinary, casual speech · familier, courant	<i>He misread her colloquial jokes.</i>
jargon	<i>n.</i>	specialist or insider words · jargon	<i>Office jargon baffled him.</i>
idiom	<i>n.</i>	a fixed, non-literal expression · expression idiomatique	<i>An idiom confused Max terribly.</i>
delivery	<i>n.</i>	the manner of speaking or expression · élocution, débit	<i>His flat delivery hid real warmth.</i>
vocabulary	<i>n.</i>	the words a person uses · vocabulaire	<i>His vocabulary was vast and precise.</i>
expression	<i>n.</i>	a particular phrase · expression, tournure	<i>She taught him a new expression.</i>
phrasing	<i>n.</i>	the way words are arranged · formulation, tournure	<i>His careful phrasing showed effort.</i>
eloquent	<i>adj.</i>	fluent and expressive · éloquent	<i>His letters grew quietly eloquent.</i>
refined	<i>adj.</i>	elegant and polished · raffiné, châtié	<i>A refined turn of phrase.</i>
blunt	<i>adj.</i>	direct to the point of rudeness · brusque, sans détour	<i>His blunt honesty could sting.</i>
crude	<i>adj.</i>	rough and unrefined · grossier, fruste	<i>He never used crude language.</i>
stilted	<i>adj.</i>	stiff and unnatural · guindé, emprunté	<i>His greetings were rather stilted.</i>
wording	<i>n.</i>	the choice of words used · libellé, formulation	<i>She fretted over the wording.</i>

Groupe 3

Mots à apprendre

Mot (soutenu)	Classe	Sens	Exemple en contexte
attain	<i>v.</i>	formal for "get / reach" · atteindre, parvenir à (soutenu)	<i>I have at last attained some calm.</i>
abode	<i>n.</i>	formal for "home" · demeure, logis (soutenu)	<i>Welcome, in spirit, to my humble abode.</i>
articulate	<i>v.</i>	formal for "put into words" · exprimer clairement, formuler (soutenu)	<i>I struggle to articulate my feelings.</i>
elucidate	<i>v.</i>	formal for "explain" · élucider, éclaircir (soutenu)	<i>Permit me to elucidate the matter.</i>
establish	<i>v.</i>	formal for "find out / settle" · établir, déterminer (soutenu)	<i>I could not establish what I had done wrong.</i>
rectify	<i>v.</i>	formal for "put right / fix" · rectifier, corriger (soutenu)	<i>I dearly hope to rectify my mistake.</i>
deplore	<i>v.</i>	formal for "complain about" · déplorer, désapprouver (soutenu)	<i>I deplore the noise, yet I bear it.</i>
despondent	<i>adj.</i>	formal for "down / fed up" · abattu, découragé (soutenu)	<i>Your long silence left me despondent.</i>
fatigued	<i>adj.</i>	formal for "worn out" · épuisé, las (soutenu)	<i>I am greatly fatigued by the noise.</i>
singular	<i>adj.</i>	formal for "odd / one of a kind" · singulier, peu commun (soutenu)	<i>Ours is a most singular friendship.</i>
cordial	<i>adj.</i>	formal for "friendly / warm" · cordial, chaleureux (soutenu)	<i>I send my most cordial regards.</i>
verbose	<i>adj.</i>	formal for "wordy" · verbeux, prolix (soutenu)	<i>Forgive this verbose and rambling letter.</i>
forthwith	<i>adv.</i>	formal for "right away" · sur-le-champ, immédiatement (soutenu)	<i>I posted my reply to you forthwith.</i>
henceforth	<i>adv.</i>	formal for "from now on" · désormais, dorénavant (soutenu)	<i>Henceforth I shall write each month.</i>
discourse	<i>n.</i>	formal for "talk / chat" · propos, échange (soutenu)	<i>I treasure our long discourse on life.</i>

Expressions idiomatiques

Expression idiomatique	Sens
to couch in polite terms	formuler en termes choisis
to call a spade a spade	appeler un chat un chat
to mind one's p's and q's	surveiller ses manières

Mots à reconnaître

Mot (soutenu)	Classe	Sens	Exemple en contexte
vernacular	<i>n.</i>	everyday spoken language · langue vernaculaire, parler	<i>He never mastered the local vernacular.</i>
colloquialism	<i>n.</i>	an informal word or phrase · expression familière	<i>A colloquialism left him baffled.</i>
diction	<i>n.</i>	choice and use of words · diction, choix des mots	<i>His diction was precise to a fault.</i>
lexicon	<i>n.</i>	a person's stock of words · lexique	<i>His lexicon was formal and old.</i>
locution	<i>n.</i>	a particular form of expression · locution, tournure	<i>An odd locution caught her eye.</i>
parlance	<i>n.</i>	a particular way of speaking · langage, jargon	<i>In common parlance, he was 'odd'.</i>
idiomatic	<i>adj.</i>	natural to a native speaker · idiomatique	<i>Idiomatic English defeated him.</i>
highbrow	<i>adj.</i>	intellectual and refined · intello, savant	<i>His tastes were quietly highbrow.</i>
lowbrow	<i>adj.</i>	unpretentious; popular · populaire, terre à terre	<i>Mary loved lowbrow cartoons.</i>
euphemism	<i>n.</i>	a mild substitute for a blunt term · euphémisme	<i>He never softened things with euphemism.</i>
circumlocution	<i>n.</i>	a roundabout way of speaking · périphrase, circonlocution	<i>His circumlocutions exhausted her.</i>
terseness	<i>n.</i>	brief and abrupt expression · concision abrupte	<i>His terseness hid deep feeling.</i>
formality	<i>n.</i>	strict adherence to convention · formalité, cérémonie	<i>His stiff formality slowly thawed.</i>
informality	<i>n.</i>	relaxed, casual manner · décontraction	<i>Her informality put him at ease.</i>
turn of phrase	<i>n.</i>	a distinctive way of saying something · tournure, formule	<i>She had a charming turn of phrase.</i>