

Vocabulaire 1-27

Groupe 1

Mots à apprendre

Mot	Classe	Sens	Exemple en contexte
loneliness	<i>n.</i>	the sadness of being alone · solitude, sentiment de solitude	<i>A deep loneliness filled both their lives.</i>
seclusion	<i>n.</i>	the state of being shut away · réclusion, retraite	<i>Max lived in near-total seclusion.</i>
companionship	<i>n.</i>	friendly company · compagnie, présence amicale	<i>Their letters offered rare companionship.</i>
bond	<i>n.</i>	a close emotional tie · lien	<i>An unlikely bond formed across the ocean.</i>
closeness	<i>n.</i>	emotional nearness · proximité, intimité	<i>A strange closeness grew between them.</i>
solace	<i>n.</i>	comfort in sorrow · réconfort, consolation	<i>She found solace in his replies.</i>
warmth	<i>n.</i>	kindly, affectionate feeling · chaleur (humaine)	<i>His odd warmth shone through the words.</i>
desolation	<i>n.</i>	bleak, lonely misery · désolation, détresse	<i>Silence plunged him into desolation.</i>
fondness	<i>n.</i>	gentle, affectionate liking · tendresse, affection	<i>A quiet fondness coloured every line.</i>
gladness	<i>n.</i>	a feeling of joy · joie, allégresse	<i>Each letter brought him sudden gladness.</i>
grief	<i>n.</i>	deep sorrow, esp. at loss · chagrin, peine	<i>Grief and hope mingled in her words.</i>
belonging	<i>n.</i>	the feeling of being accepted · appartenance	<i>He finally knew a sense of belonging.</i>
likewise	<i>adv.</i>	in the same way (liaison) · de même, pareillement	<i>She forgave him; likewise, he forgave her.</i>
meanwhile	<i>adv.</i>	at the same time (liaison) · pendant ce temps	<i>Meanwhile, in Australia, Mary waited.</i>
the latter	<i>pron.</i>	the second of two (référence) · ce dernier, le second	<i>A pen and a friend; the latter mattered most.</i>

Expressions idiomatiques

Expression idiomatique	Sens
a friend in need is a friend indeed	c'est dans le besoin qu'on reconnaît ses amis
to feel left out	se sentir exclu
to keep someone company	tenir compagnie à quelqu'un

Mots à reconnaître

Mot	Classe	Sens	Exemple en contexte
alone	adj.	without others · seul	<i>She felt alone in a crowded house.</i>
friend	n.	a person one likes and trusts · ami	<i>Max was her only true friend.</i>
lonely	adj.	sad from being alone · seul, esseulé	<i>Two lonely people found each other.</i>
sad	adj.	feeling sorrow · triste	<i>His letters could be terribly sad.</i>
happy	adj.	feeling pleasure or joy · heureux	<i>A new letter made her happy.</i>
miss	v.	to feel the absence of · manquer à	<i>She missed him between letters.</i>
care	v.	to feel concern or affection · tenir à, se soucier	<i>He cared for her from afar.</i>
love	n.	deep affection · amour	<i>An unspoken love grew between them.</i>
share	v.	to tell or give to others · partager	<i>They shared every small fear.</i>
write	v.	to compose a letter · écrire	<i>She wrote to him for years.</i>
wait	v.	to stay until something happens · attendre	<i>He waited months for each reply.</i>
smile	n.	a happy expression · sourire	<i>His words drew a rare smile.</i>
cry	v.	to weep · pleurer	<i>She cried at his last letter.</i>
hug	n.	an embrace of affection · étreinte, câlin	<i>She posted him an imaginary hug.</i>
gift	n.	something given freely · cadeau	<i>His friendship was a quiet gift.</i>

Groupe 2

Mots à apprendre

Mot	Classe	Sens	Exemple en contexte
withdrawal	<i>n.</i>	retreat from contact with others · repli, retrait	<i>His withdrawal worried no one but Mary.</i>
emptiness	<i>n.</i>	a hollow lack of meaning · vide, sentiment de vide	<i>An emptiness gnawed at her grey days.</i>
void	<i>n.</i>	a great empty space or absence · vide, néant	<i>His letters filled a lifelong void.</i>
fellowship	<i>n.</i>	a feeling of friendly community · fraternité, communion	<i>An odd fellowship bound the two.</i>
devotion	<i>n.</i>	deep, loyal love and care · dévouement	<i>Her devotion never once wavered.</i>
acceptance	<i>n.</i>	willing reception without judgement · acceptation	<i>He longed only for acceptance.</i>
understanding	<i>n.</i>	sympathetic awareness · entente, compréhension	<i>True understanding passed between them.</i>
reassurance	<i>n.</i>	words that ease worry · réconfort, apaisement	<i>Her reassurance calmed his fears.</i>
tenderness	<i>n.</i>	gentle, caring affection · tendresse	<i>He wrote with clumsy tenderness.</i>
wistfulness	<i>n.</i>	gentle, yearning sadness · nostalgie mélancolique	<i>A wistfulness ran through her letters.</i>
contentment	<i>n.</i>	quiet, peaceful satisfaction · contentement, sérénité	<i>He found a fragile contentment.</i>
heartache	<i>n.</i>	deep emotional pain · chagrin, peine de cœur	<i>Years of heartache lay behind them.</i>
similarly	<i>adv.</i>	in a like manner (liaison) · de même, pareillement	<i>Mary felt alone; similarly, so did Max.</i>
thereafter	<i>adv.</i>	after that time (liaison) · par la suite, dès lors	<i>They met once; thereafter, only letters.</i>
the former	<i>pron.</i>	the first of two (référence) · le premier, celui-là	<i>Joy and fear came; the former won out.</i>

Expressions idiomatiques

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to wear one's heart on one's sleeve	ne pas cacher ses émotions
a shoulder to cry on	une épaule pour pleurer
through thick and thin	contre vents et marées

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isolation	<i>n.</i>	the state of being apart · isolement	<i>Years of isolation shaped his world.</i>
solitude	<i>n.</i>	the state of being alone · solitude	<i>He found fragile peace in solitude.</i>
friendship	<i>n.</i>	the bond between friends · amitié	<i>Their friendship spanned decades.</i>
affection	<i>n.</i>	a gentle feeling of fondness · affection	<i>Clumsy affection filled his lines.</i>
sympathy	<i>n.</i>	shared feeling for another's pain · compassion, sympathie	<i>Her sympathy reached across the sea.</i>
kindness	<i>n.</i>	the quality of being kind · gentillesse, bonté	<i>Small kindnesses kept them going.</i>
sadness	<i>n.</i>	the state of being sad · tristesse	<i>A grey sadness hung over the film.</i>
joy	<i>n.</i>	a feeling of great happiness · joie	<i>Letters brought brief, bright joy.</i>
memory	<i>n.</i>	something remembered · souvenir	<i>She treasured every memory of him.</i>
distance	<i>n.</i>	the gap between two places · distance, éloignement	<i>Distance never broke their bond.</i>
silence	<i>n.</i>	the absence of sound or word · silence	<i>His long silence frightened her.</i>
patience	<i>n.</i>	calm endurance of delay · patience	<i>Their friendship demanded patience.</i>
trust	<i>n.</i>	firm belief in another · confiance	<i>Slowly, a deep trust took root.</i>
intimacy	<i>n.</i>	close personal connection · intimité	<i>An intimacy grew through paper alone.</i>
nearness	<i>n.</i>	emotional or physical closeness · proximité	<i>A strange nearness despite the miles.</i>

Groupe 3

Mots à apprendre

Mot	Classe	Sens	Exemple en contexte
aloofness	<i>n.</i>	cool emotional distance · distance, réserve	<i>His aloofness masked a gentle heart.</i>
remoteness	<i>n.</i>	the state of being far off or apart · éloignement, distance	<i>Their remoteness only deepened the bond.</i>
yearning	<i>n.</i>	an intense, wistful longing · aspiration, désir ardent	<i>A yearning for connection drove her pen.</i>
communion	<i>n.</i>	a deep sharing of feeling · communion	<i>Their letters were a quiet communion.</i>
steadfastness	<i>n.</i>	unwavering loyalty · constance, fermeté	<i>Her steadfastness saved their friendship.</i>
forbearance	<i>n.</i>	patient self-restraint · indulgence, patience	<i>He met her error with forbearance.</i>
poignancy	<i>n.</i>	a quality of touching sadness · caractère poignant	<i>The film's poignancy lingers for days.</i>
bittersweetness	<i>n.</i>	mingled joy and sorrow · douceur-amère	<i>A bittersweetness suffused their tale.</i>
succour	<i>n.</i>	help in time of distress · secours, réconfort	<i>Her words were succour in dark hours.</i>
devotedness	<i>n.</i>	wholehearted, loyal attachment · dévouement, attachement	<i>Such devotedness asked nothing in return.</i>
plaintiveness	<i>n.</i>	a sad, mournful quality · ton plaintif	<i>A faint plaintiveness shaded his jokes.</i>
fellow-feeling	<i>n.</i>	shared sympathy between people · sympathie, solidarité	<i>Pure fellow-feeling united the two.</i>
respectively	<i>adv.</i>	in the order given (référence) · respectivement	<i>They wrote from Melbourne and New York respectively.</i>
subsequently	<i>adv.</i>	afterwards (liaison) · par la suite, ensuite	<i>They quarrelled and, subsequently, reconciled.</i>
the aforementioned	<i>adj.</i>	the thing mentioned before (référence) · susmentionné	<i>The aforementioned letter changed everything.</i>

Expressions idiomatiques

Expression idiomatique	Sens
a kindred spirit	une âme sœur
to be there for someone	être là pour quelqu'un
absence makes the heart grow fonder	loin des yeux, près du cœur

Mots à reconnaître

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estrangement	<i>n.</i>	a loss of former closeness · brouille, éloignement	<i>A bitter 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>
vulnerability	<i>n.</i>	openness to being hurt · vulnérabilité	<i>He bared his vulnerability slowly.</i>
melancholy	<i>n.</i>	a thoughtful, gentle sadness · mélancolie	<i>A soft melancholy pervades the film.</i>
kinship	<i>n.</i>	a feeling of being closely linked · parenté, affinité	<i>They felt a kinship beyond blood.</i>
rapport	<i>n.</i>	a close, harmonious bond · complicité, rapport	<i>An odd rapport grew between them.</i>
camaraderie	<i>n.</i>	warm, friendly comradeship · camaraderie	<i>A gentle camaraderie warmed the years.</i>
solidarity	<i>n.</i>	mutual support within a group · solidarité	<i>Their letters breathed quiet solidarity.</i>
attunement	<i>n.</i>	sensitive harmony with another · accord, syntonie	<i>A rare attunement linked their minds.</i>
affinity	<i>n.</i>	a natural liking or connection · affinité	<i>An instant affinity sparked the first letter.</i>
consolation	<i>n.</i>	comfort after disappointment · consolation	<i>His humour was her consolation.</i>
constancy	<i>n.</i>	faithfulness that does not change · constance, fidélité	<i>Her constancy never faltered.</i>
fidelity	<i>n.</i>	steadfast loyalty · fidélité	<i>Their fidelity outlasted every quarrel.</i>
compassion	<i>n.</i>	deep sympathy for suffering · compassion	<i>She wrote with boundless compassion.</i>
serenity	<i>n.</i>	calm and peaceful contentment · sérénité	<i>He reached, at last, a quiet serenity.</i>