

Vocabulaire 1-28

Groupe 1

Mots à apprendre

Mot	Classe	Sens	Rappel
flop	<i>v.</i>	to fail badly · échouer, faire un four	<i>His grand plan flopped.</i>
cringe	<i>v.</i>	to recoil in shame or fear · grimacer, avoir un haut-le-cœur	<i>He cringed at the memory.</i>
mourn	<i>v.</i>	to grieve over a loss · pleurer, faire le deuil de	<i>He mourned a world now gone.</i>
loner	<i>n.</i>	one who prefers to be alone · solitaire	<i>A bookish loner, happy with print.</i>
gulf	<i>n.</i>	a wide gap or chasm · gouffre, fossé	<i>A gulf had opened in his life.</i>
doomed	<i>adj.</i>	certain to fail or perish · condamné, voué à l'échec	<i>His one wish was doomed.</i>
bleak	<i>adj.</i>	bare and cheerless · morne, désolé	<i>A bleak, silent world remained.</i>
dire	<i>adj.</i>	extremely serious or dreadful · terrible, désastreux	<i>His plight was dire indeed.</i>
washed-up	<i>adj.</i>	finished; no longer of use · fini, sur le déclin	<i>He felt washed-up and alone.</i>
rut	<i>n.</i>	a tedious, fixed routine · ornière, routine	<i>Stuck in a lifelong rut.</i>
bitter	<i>adj.</i>	resentful; painfully sharp · amer	<i>A bitter, cruel twist of fate.</i>
underdog	<i>n.</i>	one expected to lose · outsider, opprimé	<i>Life's eternal underdog.</i>
grief	<i>n.</i>	deep sorrow · chagrin, peine	<i>Grief swallowed the empty city.</i>
loneliness	<i>n.</i>	the sadness of being alone · solitude	<i>Loneliness was his reward.</i>
desolation	<i>n.</i>	bleak, lonely ruin · désolation, détresse	<i>Utter desolation surrounded him.</i>

Groupe 2

Mots à apprendre

Mot	Classe	Sens	Rappel
oblivion	<i>n.</i>	the state of being forgotten · oubli	<i>A world sunk into oblivion.</i>
demise	<i>n.</i>	death; the end of something · disparition, fin	<i>He witnessed the world's demise.</i>
undoing	<i>n.</i>	the cause of one's ruin · perte, ruine	<i>His glasses were his undoing.</i>
comedown	<i>n.</i>	a humiliating fall · déchéance, dégringolade	<i>What a comedown from his joy.</i>
emptiness	<i>n.</i>	a hollow lack · vide, sentiment de vide	<i>An emptiness without end.</i>
spurn	<i>v.</i>	to reject with contempt · dédaigner, repousser	<i>He had spurned company for books.</i>
quail	<i>v.</i>	to flinch with fear · trembler, flancher	<i>He did not quail at the silence.</i>
repent	<i>v.</i>	to feel regret for a wrong · se repentir	<i>Too late, he repented his wish.</i>
forfeit	<i>v.</i>	to lose as a penalty · perdre, renoncer à	<i>He forfeited the thing he loved.</i>
reel	<i>v.</i>	to stagger; to be shaken · chanceler, vaciller	<i>He reeled at the cruel irony.</i>
castaway	<i>n.</i>	a person left alone and abandoned · naufragé, abandonné	<i>The last castaway of mankind.</i>
wistfulness	<i>n.</i>	gentle, yearning sadness · nostalgie mélancolique	<i>A wistfulness for what was lost.</i>
heartache	<i>n.</i>	deep emotional pain · chagrin, peine de cœur	<i>Years of quiet heartache.</i>
wayward	<i>adj.</i>	wilful; following its own course · capricieux, rebelle	<i>Fate proved wayward and unkind.</i>
stark	<i>adj.</i>	severe, bare and plain · cru, austère, dépouillé	<i>A stark and ruined landscape.</i>

Groupe 3

Mots à apprendre

Mot	Classe	Sens	Rappel
nemesis	<i>n.</i>	an agent of downfall · némésis, châiment	<i>Irony was his cruel nemesis.</i>
omen	<i>n.</i>	a sign of things to come · présage, augure	<i>An omen of the doom ahead.</i>
jinx	<i>n.</i>	a curse bringing bad luck · poisse, mauvais sort	<i>Some jinx dogged his every wish.</i>
maw	<i>n.</i>	a devouring gulf or mouth · gueule, gouffre	<i>The maw of nothingness yawned.</i>
yearning	<i>n.</i>	an intense, wistful longing · aspiration, désir ardent	<i>A lifelong yearning to read.</i>
self-reproach	<i>n.</i>	blame turned on oneself · auto-reproche, remords	<i>Self-reproach gnawed at him.</i>
poignancy	<i>n.</i>	touching, bittersweet sadness · caractère poignant	<i>The tale's unbearable poignancy.</i>
bittersweetness	<i>n.</i>	joy mingled with sorrow · douceur-amère	<i>The bittersweetness of one wish.</i>
plaintiveness	<i>n.</i>	a sad, mournful quality · ton plaintif	<i>A plaintiveness haunts the end.</i>
rote	<i>n.</i>	dull mechanical repetition · routine machinale, par cœur	<i>His days had passed by rote.</i>
has-been	<i>n.</i>	one whose success is over · gloire déchu	<i>An overlooked has-been of a man.</i>
leper	<i>n.</i>	an outcast shunned by all · paria, lépreux	<i>A social leper, left alone.</i>
star-crossed	<i>adj.</i>	doomed by ill fate · maudit, contrarié par le sort	<i>A star-crossed, hapless soul.</i>
mournful	<i>adj.</i>	full of grief · lugubre, plaintif	<i>A mournful hush over the ruins.</i>
gut-wrenching	<i>adj.</i>	causing intense distress · déchirant, poignant	<i>A gut-wrenching final twist.</i>