

Vocabulaire 1-4

Groupe 1

Mots à apprendre

Mot	Classe	Sens	Exemple en contexte
misjudge	v.	to form a wrong opinion of · mal juger, se tromper sur	<i>He misjudged the strangers and feared them for nothing.</i>
misread	v.	to interpret wrongly · mal interpréter	<i>She misread his shyness as rudeness.</i>
mistake	v.	to confuse one thing for another · confondre, prendre pour	<i>They mistook the kind hillbillies for killers.</i>
assume	v.	to take for granted without proof · supposer, présumer	<i>Everyone assumed the worst about the two men.</i>
startle	v.	to make someone suddenly jump · faire sursauter	<i>A snapping twig startled the campers.</i>
frighten	v.	to make afraid · effrayer	<i>The strange noises frightened the students.</i>
mislead	v.	to give a wrong impression to · induire en erreur	<i>The bloodstains misled the police completely.</i>
overreact	v.	to respond more strongly than needed · réagir de façon excessive	<i>The teenagers overreacted to every accident.</i>
unnerve	v.	to make someone lose calm or confidence · déstabiliser, troubler	<i>The silence of the woods unnerved them.</i>
lurk	v.	to wait hidden, esp. with bad intent · se tapir, rôder	<i>They imagined a killer lurking behind every tree.</i>
misfire	v.	to fail to work as intended · rater, faire long feu	<i>Their rescue plan misfired badly.</i>
blunder	v.	to make a careless, stupid mistake · gaffer, commettre une bourde	<i>He blundered straight into the trap.</i>
fumble	v.	to handle clumsily; to fail awkwardly · tâtonner, s'emmêler	<i>She fumbled for the light switch in the dark.</i>
cringe	v.	to draw back in embarrassment or fear · avoir un mouvement de recul	<i>He cringed at the sound of the chainsaw.</i>
muddle	v.	to confuse or mix up · embrouiller, confondre	<i>The witnesses muddled the order of events.</i>

Expressions idiomatiques

Expression idiomatique	Sens
to get the wrong end of the stick	comprendre de travers
to jump to conclusions	tirer des conclusions hâtives
to be scared stiff	être mort de peur

Mots à reconnaître

Mot	Classe	Sens	Exemple en contexte
fright	<i>n.</i>	a sudden feeling of fear · frayeur, peur	<i>She got a terrible fright in the woods.</i>
dread	<i>n.</i>	great fear of something coming · effroi, terreur	<i>A sense of dread filled the cabin.</i>
doom	<i>n.</i>	death or ruin seen as unavoidable · perte, funeste destin	<i>They felt a growing sense of doom.</i>
spooky	<i>adj.</i>	strange and frightening · sinistre, qui donne la chair de poule	<i>The old mill looked spooky at night.</i>
eerie	<i>adj.</i>	strange and unsettling · inquiétant, étrange	<i>An eerie silence hung over the lake.</i>
jumpy	<i>adj.</i>	nervous and easily startled · nerveux, à cran	<i>The noises made everyone jumpy.</i>
edgy	<i>adj.</i>	tense and irritable · tendu, nerveux	<i>He grew edgy as night fell.</i>
baffled	<i>adj.</i>	totally puzzled · déconcerté, perplexe	<i>The police were baffled by the scene.</i>
creepy	<i>adj.</i>	causing unease or fear · qui fait froid dans le dos	<i>There was something creepy about the place.</i>
nosy	<i>adj.</i>	too curious about others · curieux, fouineur	<i>A nosy neighbour reported them.</i>
disguise	<i>v.</i>	to change appearance to hide identity · déguiser, masquer	<i>He disguised his fear with a joke.</i>
conceal	<i>v.</i>	to hide · dissimuler, cacher	<i>She concealed her growing panic.</i>
suspect	<i>v.</i>	to believe something is wrong · soupçonner	<i>They suspected the worst at once.</i>
overhear	<i>v.</i>	to hear without being meant to · entendre par hasard	<i>She overheard a frightening remark.</i>
eavesdrop	<i>v.</i>	to listen secretly to others · écouter aux portes	<i>He eavesdropped on the nervous campers.</i>

Groupe 2

Mots à apprendre

Mot	Classe	Sens	Exemple en contexte
misconstrue	v.	to interpret wrongly · mal interpréter, mésinterpréter	<i>She misconstrued his offer of help as a threat.</i>
conflate	v.	to combine two distinct things into one · confondre, amalgamer	<i>The report conflates fear with real danger.</i>
prejudge	v.	to judge before knowing the facts · préjuger	<i>Locals prejudged the newcomers on sight.</i>
feign	v.	to pretend to feel or have · feindre, simuler	<i>He feigned calm while panicking inside.</i>
masquerade	v.	to pretend to be something one is not · se faire passer pour	<i>Killers, the police assumed, were masquerading as victims.</i>
unsettle	v.	to disturb or make uneasy · troubler, perturber	<i>The eerie quiet unsettled the whole group.</i>
faze	v.	to disturb or disconcert · déstabiliser, démonter	<i>Nothing seemed to faze the calm old man.</i>
bristle	v.	to react with sudden anger or resistance · se hérissier, se rebiffer	<i>She bristled at the unfair accusation.</i>
blanch	v.	to turn pale with fear or shock · blêmir, pâlir	<i>He blanched at the gruesome sight.</i>
quail	v.	to shrink back in fear · flancher, trembler de peur	<i>They quailed before the towering figure.</i>
balk	v.	to hesitate or refuse to proceed · rechigner, se cabrer	<i>He balked at entering the dark cabin.</i>
mishear	v.	to hear incorrectly · mal entendre	<i>She misheard a cry for help as something far worse.</i>
dupe	v.	to deceive or trick · duper, bernier	<i>Clever rumours duped the entire town.</i>
semblance	n.	an outward, often misleading appearance · semblant, apparence	<i>They kept up a semblance of normality.</i>
leery	adj.	cautious or suspicious · méfiant, sur ses gardes	<i>The campers were leery of the two strangers.</i>

Expressions idiomatiques

Expression idiomatique	Sens
to bark up the wrong tree	faire fausse route
to make a mountain out of a molehill	en faire tout un fromage
to take something at face value	prendre pour argent comptant

Mots à reconnaître

Mot	Classe	Sens	Exemple en contexte
ominous	<i>adj.</i>	suggesting that something bad will happen · <i>de mauvais augure, menaçant</i>	<i>Ominous clouds gathered over the camp.</i>
ghastly	<i>adj.</i>	horrifying; very unpleasant · <i>horrible, atroce</i>	<i>They stumbled on a ghastly scene.</i>
fiendish	<i>adj.</i>	extremely cruel or cunning · <i>diabolique, machiavélique</i>	<i>The misunderstanding seemed almost fiendish.</i>
menacing	<i>adj.</i>	threatening · <i>menaçant</i>	<i>The figure looked menacing in the gloom.</i>
foreboding	<i>n.</i>	a feeling that trouble is coming · <i>pressentiment (funeste)</i>	<i>A deep foreboding settled over them.</i>
wary	<i>adj.</i>	cautious of danger · <i>méfiant, prudent</i>	<i>Be wary of judging by appearances.</i>
uneasy	<i>adj.</i>	anxious and uncomfortable · <i>mal à l'aise, inquiet</i>	<i>She felt uneasy around the strangers.</i>
unease	<i>n.</i>	a feeling of anxiety · <i>malaise, inquiétude</i>	<i>A sense of unease spread through the group.</i>
deceive	<i>v.</i>	to make someone believe what is untrue · <i>tromper, abuser</i>	<i>Appearances can deceive.</i>
sham	<i>n.</i>	something false pretending to be real · <i>imposture, simulacre</i>	<i>Their menace turned out to be a sham.</i>
guise	<i>n.</i>	an outward, misleading appearance · <i>apparence, dehors</i>	<i>Danger came in a friendly guise.</i>
veneer	<i>n.</i>	a thin, deceptive surface · <i>vernis, façade</i>	<i>Beneath a veneer of menace lay two gentle souls.</i>
belie	<i>v.</i>	to give a false impression of · <i>démentir, masquer</i>	<i>Their rough looks belied kind hearts.</i>
pry	<i>v.</i>	to inquire too closely into others' affairs · <i>fouiner, mettre son nez</i>	<i>Don't pry into what you don't understand.</i>
mistrust	<i>v.</i>	to have no confidence in · <i>se méfier de</i>	<i>The town mistrusted anyone unfamiliar.</i>

Groupe 3

Mots à apprendre

Mot	Classe	Sens	Exemple en contexte
misapprehend	v.	to misunderstand · se méprendre sur, mal comprendre	<i>The audience misapprehended the film's gentle irony.</i>
appal	v.	to fill with horror or dismay · épouvanter, consterner	<i>The misunderstanding appalled everyone involved.</i>
hoodwink	v.	to deceive by trickery · tromper, embobiner	<i>Appearances hoodwinked even the experts.</i>
bamboozle	v.	to confuse or cheat by trickery · mystifier, embrouiller	<i>The twist bamboozled first-time viewers.</i>
impute	v.	to attribute (esp. fault) to someone · imputer, attribuer (à tort)	<i>They imputed sinister motives to innocent acts.</i>
misconceive	v.	to understand or plan wrongly · concevoir de travers, mal interpréter	<i>Critics misconceived the whole premise.</i>
discombobulate	v.	to confuse and disorient · désorienter, déboussoler	<i>The sudden reversal discombobulated the viewers.</i>
daunt	v.	to intimidate or discourage · intimider, décourager	<i>The dark forest daunted the city kids.</i>
browbeat	v.	to bully with words or looks · intimider, rudoyer	<i>The sheriff browbeat the frightened pair.</i>
blindsided	v.	to catch off guard · prendre par surprise, prendre à revers	<i>The accusation blindsided them.</i>
wrong-foot	v.	to put at a disadvantage by surprise · prendre à contrepied	<i>The plot deliberately wrong-foots the audience.</i>
malign	v.	to speak harmful untruths about · calomnier, dénigrer	<i>The press malign two harmless men.</i>
impugn	v.	to call into question; to attack as false · contester, mettre en doute	<i>No one dared impugn the witness's account.</i>
ascribe	v.	to attribute to a cause or source · attribuer, imputer	<i>They ascribed every accident to evil intent.</i>
bugbear	n.	a recurring source of fear or irritation · bête noire, hantise	<i>Misjudged appearances are the film's great bugbear.</i>

Expressions idiomatiques

Expression idiomatique	Sens
a wolf in sheep's clothing	un loup déguisé en agneau
to jump out of one's skin	sursauter violemment, avoir une peur bleue
to put two and two together and make five	se tromper en tirant ses conclusions

Mots à reconnaître

Mot	Classe	Sens	Exemple en contexte
trepidation	<i>n.</i>	fearful uncertainty · appréhension, inquiétude	<i>They entered the cabin with trepidation.</i>
disquiet	<i>n.</i>	a feeling of worry · inquiétude, trouble	<i>The discovery caused real disquiet.</i>
misgiving	<i>n.</i>	a feeling of doubt or worry · doute, appréhension	<i>She had misgivings about the whole trip.</i>
qualm	<i>n.</i>	a sudden feeling of doubt or unease · scrupule, appréhension	<i>He felt no qualms about running away.</i>
wariness	<i>n.</i>	cautious distrust · méfiance, circonspection	<i>Their wariness proved completely unfounded.</i>
subterfuge	<i>n.</i>	a deceptive trick to avoid something · subterfuge, stratagème	<i>No subterfuge was involved, only bad luck.</i>
duplicity	<i>n.</i>	deceitful double-dealing · duplicité, fourberie	<i>They saw duplicity where there was none.</i>
artifice	<i>n.</i>	clever trickery or pretence · artifice, ruse	<i>The horror was real, not artifice.</i>
pretext	<i>n.</i>	a false reason hiding the real one · prétexte	<i>Fear became a pretext for cruelty.</i>
ruse	<i>n.</i>	a cunning trick · ruse, stratagème	<i>They suspected some elaborate ruse.</i>
charade	<i>n.</i>	an absurd pretence everyone sees through · mascarade, comédie	<i>The investigation became a grim charade.</i>
chicanery	<i>n.</i>	the use of trickery to deceive · chicane, manœuvres trompeuses	<i>There was no chicanery, just confusion.</i>
skullduggery	<i>n.</i>	underhanded, dishonest behaviour · magouille, manigances	<i>They imagined skullduggery behind every move.</i>
jitters	<i>n.</i>	a feeling of extreme nervousness · trac, nervosité	<i>The dark gave everyone the jitters.</i>
consternation	<i>n.</i>	dismay and anxious confusion · consternation, désarroi	<i>The mix-up caused widespread consternation.</i>