

Vocabulaire 1-6

Groupe 1

Mots à apprendre

Mot	Classe	Sens	Exemple en contexte
deduce	v.	to reach a conclusion by reasoning · déduire	<i>From the mud, she deduced he had come through the woods.</i>
trace	v.	to follow back to an origin · retrouver la trace de, remonter à	<i>They traced the call to an empty cabin.</i>
track	v.	to follow the marks or movements of · pister, suivre la trace de	<i>Police tracked the suspect across three states.</i>
pinpoint	v.	to identify exactly · localiser, identifier précisément	<i>Experts pinpointed the cause of the fire.</i>
comb	v.	to search thoroughly (comb through) · passer au peigne fin	<i>They combed the woods for evidence.</i>
sift	v.	to examine carefully to separate useful parts · passer au crible, trier	<i>She sifted through hours of footage.</i>
sniff out	<i>phrasal</i>	to discover by searching · flairer, dénicher	<i>Reporters sniffed out the real story.</i>
work out	<i>phrasal</i>	to solve or figure out · comprendre, résoudre	<i>He worked out who the culprit was.</i>
piece together	<i>phrasal</i>	to assemble from fragments · reconstituer	<i>They pieced together what had happened.</i>
suss out	<i>phrasal</i>	to work out or figure out · piger, cerner	<i>It took a while to suss out his motives.</i>
pointer	n.	a hint or useful indication · indice, indication	<i>Her reaction gave them a useful pointer.</i>
tip-off	n.	a piece of secret information · tuyau, renseignement	<i>An anonymous tip-off led to the arrest.</i>
giveaway	n.	something that reveals a secret · ce qui trahit, indice révélateur	<i>His shaking hands were a dead giveaway.</i>
inkling	n.	a slight suspicion or hint · vague idée, soupçon	<i>She had no inkling of the truth.</i>
wager	v.	to bet; to assert confidently · parier	<i>I'd wager he never noticed a thing.</i>

Expressions idiomatiques

Expression idiomatique	Sens
to read between the lines	lire entre les lignes
to smell a rat	flairer qqch de louche
to follow a hunch	suivre son intuition

Mots à reconnaître

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clue	<i>n.</i>	a piece of evidence that helps solve a problem · indice	<i>The torn map was the vital clue.</i>
hint	<i>n.</i>	a slight indication · indice, allusion	<i>He dropped a hint about the surprise.</i>
sign	<i>n.</i>	an indication that something exists · signe, indice	<i>There was no sign of a break-in.</i>
proof	<i>n.</i>	evidence that establishes a fact · preuve	<i>They had no real proof of his guilt.</i>
guess	<i>v.</i>	to estimate without certainty · deviner	<i>She guessed the truth at once.</i>
hunch	<i>n.</i>	a feeling not based on facts · intuition, pressentiment	<i>He followed a hunch and was right.</i>
suspect	<i>v.</i>	to believe likely, esp. wrongdoing · soupçonner	<i>Police suspected an inside job.</i>
notice	<i>v.</i>	to become aware of · remarquer	<i>Did you notice anything unusual?</i>
spot	<i>v.</i>	to see or notice · repérer	<i>A guard spotted the intruder.</i>
evidence	<i>n.</i>	facts supporting a conclusion · preuves	<i>The evidence pointed elsewhere.</i>
mark	<i>n.</i>	a visible trace · marque, trace	<i>Drag marks led down to the river.</i>
footprint	<i>n.</i>	the impression of a foot · empreinte (de pas)	<i>Fresh footprints circled the cabin.</i>
fingerprint	<i>n.</i>	the unique mark of a fingertip · empreinte digitale	<i>His fingerprints were on the glass.</i>
witness	<i>n.</i>	a person who sees an event · témoin	<i>A witness placed him at the scene.</i>
lead	<i>n.</i>	a clue to follow in an investigation · piste	<i>Detectives chased every lead.</i>

Groupe 2

Mots à apprendre

Mot	Classe	Sens	Exemple en contexte
intuit	v.	to understand instinctively · pressentir, deviner	<i>She intuited that something was wrong.</i>
posit	v.	to put forward as a basis for reasoning · postuler, avancer	<i>Detectives posited a second intruder.</i>
attest	v.	to provide evidence of; to declare true · attester, témoigner de	<i>Several neighbours attested to his honesty.</i>
substantiate	v.	to support with evidence · étayer, corroborer	<i>Nothing substantiated the wild rumour.</i>
implicate	v.	to show to be involved in wrongdoing · impliquer, mettre en cause	<i>The note implicated a senior officer.</i>
exonerate	v.	to clear of blame · disculper, blanchir	<i>New evidence exonerated the suspect.</i>
absolve	v.	to declare free from guilt · absoudre, disculper	<i>The report absolved them of all blame.</i>
ferret out	<i>phrasal</i>	to discover by persistent searching · dénicher, dépister	<i>She ferreted out the missing document.</i>
root out	<i>phrasal</i>	to find and remove · débusquer, extirper	<i>They set out to root out corruption.</i>
token	n.	a sign or indication · signe, marque	<i>His silence was taken as a token of guilt.</i>
imprint	n.	a mark left by pressure · empreinte, marque	<i>An imprint in the soil gave them away.</i>
whiff	n.	a slight trace or hint · soupçon, relent	<i>There was a whiff of scandal about the deal.</i>
hallmark	n.	a distinctive identifying feature · marque distinctive, signature	<i>Careful planning was the hallmark of his work.</i>
hedge	v.	to avoid committing oneself · ménager ses arrières, éluder	<i>He hedged when asked for a clear answer.</i>
read into	<i>phrasal</i>	to find a meaning that may not be there · interpréter (à l'excès)	<i>Don't read too much into a single glance.</i>

Expressions idiomatiques

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a smoking gun	une preuve accablante
to join the dots	relier les éléments
the plot thickens	l'affaire se corse

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infer	v.	to conclude from evidence · inférer, déduire	<i>We can infer his guilt from the timing.</i>
surmise	v.	to suppose without firm proof · conjecturer, supposer	<i>She surmised that he had already left.</i>
gauge	v.	to estimate or judge · jauger, évaluer	<i>It was hard to gauge his real intentions.</i>
grasp	v.	to understand fully · saisir, comprendre	<i>He finally grasped what had happened.</i>
reckon	v.	to think or suppose · estimer, penser	<i>I reckon they took the back road.</i>
telltale	adj.	revealing something hidden · révélateur	<i>The telltale mud on his boots betrayed him.</i>
telling	adj.	having a striking or revealing effect · révélateur, éloquent	<i>Her silence was telling.</i>
conspicuous	adj.	clearly visible; obvious · bien visible, manifeste	<i>His absence was conspicuous.</i>
probe	v.	to investigate thoroughly · sonder, enquêter sur	<i>Detectives probed deeper into his past.</i>
glean	v.	to gather (information) bit by bit · glaner, recueillir	<i>They gleaned a few facts from the locals.</i>
divine	v.	to discover by insight · deviner, pressentir	<i>She seemed to divine his thoughts.</i>
betray	v.	to reveal unintentionally · trahir, révéler	<i>His expression betrayed his fear.</i>
bespeak	v.	to be a sign of · trahir, dénoter	<i>The neat desk bespoke a careful mind.</i>
fathom	v.	to understand after much thought · comprendre, sonder	<i>No one could fathom his motive.</i>
discern	v.	to perceive or recognise · discerner, distinguer	<i>She discerned a pattern in the clues.</i>

Groupe 3

Mots à apprendre

Mot	Classe	Sens	Exemple en contexte
adduce	<i>v.</i>	to cite as evidence · avancer, alléguer (des preuves)	<i>The lawyer adduced fresh evidence.</i>
construe	<i>v.</i>	to interpret in a particular way · interpréter, comprendre	<i>They construed his silence as guilt.</i>
exculpate	<i>v.</i>	to clear of blame · disculper	<i>The alibi exculpated him entirely.</i>
reconnoitre	<i>v.</i>	to survey in order to gather information · reconnaître (le terrain), explorer	<i>Scouts reconnoitred the area at dawn.</i>
evince	<i>v.</i>	to show clearly (a quality) · manifester, témoigner de	<i>His notes evince a sharp, suspicious mind.</i>
tease out	<i>phrasal</i>	to extract carefully (information) · dégager, faire ressortir	<i>She teased out the truth detail by detail.</i>
collate	<i>v.</i>	to gather and compare (data) · collationner, rassembler et comparer	<i>Analysts collated reports from every district.</i>
cross-reference	<i>v.</i>	to check against another source · recouper	<i>They cross-referenced the names with old records.</i>
decipher	<i>v.</i>	to work out the meaning of · déchiffrer	<i>It took hours to decipher the coded note.</i>
untangle	<i>v.</i>	to clarify something confused · démêler	<i>Investigators slowly untangled the web of lies.</i>
winnow	<i>v.</i>	to sort the useful from the worthless · trier, faire le tri	<i>She winnowed the leads down to one.</i>
adjudge	<i>v.</i>	to judge or conclude formally · juger, estimer	<i>The case was adjudged too weak to pursue.</i>
vindicate	<i>v.</i>	to prove right or free from blame · justifier, disculper	<i>The discovery vindicated her theory.</i>
intimation	<i>n.</i>	a hint or indirect suggestion · insinuation, signe	<i>There was no intimation of danger.</i>
bellwether	<i>n.</i>	an indicator of a coming trend · indicateur de tendance, baromètre	<i>The town is a bellwether for national moods.</i>

Expressions idiomatiques

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a red herring	une fausse piste
circumstantial evidence	preuves indirectes, indices concordants
to leave no stone unturned	ne rien laisser au hasard

Mots à reconnaître

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corroborate	<i>v.</i>	to confirm with further evidence · corroborer	<i>A second witness corroborated her story.</i>
testimony	<i>n.</i>	a formal statement of evidence · témoignage	<i>Her testimony sealed the case.</i>
inference	<i>n.</i>	a conclusion drawn from evidence · inférence, déduction	<i>It was a reasonable inference.</i>
presumption	<i>n.</i>	an assumption taken as true · présomption	<i>The presumption of innocence matters.</i>
supposition	<i>n.</i>	something assumed without proof · supposition, hypothèse	<i>The theory rested on pure supposition.</i>
conjecture	<i>n.</i>	an opinion based on incomplete information · conjecture, hypothèse	<i>Much of the report was mere conjecture.</i>
hypothesis	<i>n.</i>	a proposed explanation to be tested · hypothèse	<i>Their hypothesis proved correct.</i>
rationale	<i>n.</i>	the reasoning behind something · logique, raisonnement	<i>He explained the rationale for the search.</i>
intuition	<i>n.</i>	instinctive understanding · intuition	<i>Her intuition rarely failed her.</i>
vestige	<i>n.</i>	a small remaining trace · vestige, trace	<i>Not a vestige of evidence remained.</i>
residue	<i>n.</i>	what is left after a process · résidu, reste	<i>A chemical residue gave them a lead.</i>
indicator	<i>n.</i>	a sign that shows a state of things · indicateur, indice	<i>Body language is a useful indicator.</i>
symptom	<i>n.</i>	a sign of a condition or problem · symptôme, signe	<i>Petty theft was a symptom of deeper trouble.</i>
manifestation	<i>n.</i>	a clear sign or display · manifestation, signe	<i>The unrest was a manifestation of fear.</i>
watchword	<i>n.</i>	a guiding word or signal · mot d'ordre	<i>Caution was the watchword.</i>