

Vocabulaire 1-7

Groupe 1

Mots à apprendre

Mot	Classe	Sens	Exemple en contexte
lament	<i>v.</i>	to express deep regret or sorrow · déplorer, se lamenter	<i>He lamented the choice he could not undo.</i>
mourn	<i>v.</i>	to grieve over a loss · pleurer, regretter	<i>She mourned the life she might have led.</i>
waver	<i>v.</i>	to hesitate between choices · hésiter, vaciller	<i>Neo wavered before taking the pill.</i>
dither	<i>v.</i>	to be indecisive · tergiverser, hésiter	<i>Stop dithering and decide.</i>
forgo	<i>v.</i>	to give up or do without · renoncer à, se passer de	<i>He chose to forgo comfort for the truth.</i>
backtrack	<i>v.</i>	to reverse a decision or position · revenir sur (sa décision)	<i>It was too late to backtrack now.</i>
relive	<i>v.</i>	to experience again in the mind · revivre	<i>He relived the moment over and over.</i>
awaken	<i>v.</i>	to wake or become aware · s'éveiller, se réveiller	<i>She awakened to a far harsher reality.</i>
unveil	<i>v.</i>	to reveal something hidden · dévoiler	<i>The film slowly unveils a vast deception.</i>
delude	<i>v.</i>	to deceive (esp. oneself) · tromper, leurrer	<i>He deluded himself into thinking he was free.</i>
hindsight	<i>n.</i>	understanding gained after an event · recul, rétrospective	<i>With hindsight, the signs were obvious.</i>
crossroads	<i>n.</i>	a point where a vital choice must be made · croisée des chemins	<i>She stood at a crossroads in her life.</i>
quandary	<i>n.</i>	a state of difficult indecision · dilemme, embarras	<i>He was in a real quandary over the offer.</i>
pang	<i>n.</i>	a sudden sharp feeling (of regret) · pincement, élanement	<i>A pang of regret stopped her.</i>
mull over	<i>phrasal</i>	to think over carefully · ruminer, réfléchir à	<i>He mulled the decision over for days.</i>

Expressions idiomatiques

Expression idiomatique	Sens
with hindsight	avec le recul
to have second thoughts	avoir des doutes, hésiter
no use crying over spilt milk	ce qui est fait est fait

Mots à reconnaître

Mot	Classe	Sens	Exemple en contexte
regret	<i>v.</i>	to feel sorry about · regretter	<i>He came to regret his silence.</i>
wish	<i>v.</i>	to want what is not the case · souhaiter, regretter	<i>She wished she had spoken up.</i>
choice	<i>n.</i>	an act of choosing · choix	<i>It was the hardest choice of his life.</i>
choose	<i>v.</i>	to select from options · choisir	<i>You must choose, and choose now.</i>
decide	<i>v.</i>	to make a choice · décider	<i>He couldn't decide which way to go.</i>
fake	<i>adj.</i>	not genuine · faux	<i>Everything around them was fake.</i>
pretend	<i>v.</i>	to act as if something is true · faire semblant	<i>They pretended nothing was wrong.</i>
disguise	<i>v.</i>	to hide the true nature of · déguiser, masquer	<i>The danger was cleverly disguised.</i>
mask	<i>v.</i>	to conceal · masquer, dissimuler	<i>A smile masked his doubt.</i>
illusion	<i>n.</i>	a false impression of reality · illusion	<i>Comfort was just an illusion.</i>
dream	<i>n.</i>	a vision; an unreal state · rêve	<i>He woke as if from a dream.</i>
hope	<i>v.</i>	to want and expect · espérer	<i>She hoped she had chosen well.</i>
doubt	<i>n.</i>	a feeling of uncertainty · doute	<i>A seed of doubt began to grow.</i>
rue	<i>v.</i>	to bitterly regret · regretter amèrement	<i>He would rue that decision forever.</i>
longing	<i>n.</i>	a strong, wistful desire · désir ardent, nostalgie	<i>A longing for the old life remained.</i>

Groupe 2

Mots à apprendre

Mot	Classe	Sens	Exemple en contexte
bemoan	v.	to express regret or complaint about · déplorer	<i>She bemoaned the chance she had let slip.</i>
berate	v.	to scold or criticise angrily · réprimander, fustiger	<i>He berated himself for his cowardice.</i>
chastise	v.	to rebuke or punish · réprimander, châtier	<i>She chastised herself for waiting too long.</i>
repent	v.	to feel regret for a wrong · se repentir	<i>He lived to repent that one decision.</i>
dispel	v.	to drive away (doubts, illusions) · dissiper	<i>The truth dispelled every illusion.</i>
disabuse	v.	to free from a mistaken belief · détromper	<i>She tried to disabuse him of the fantasy.</i>
beguile	v.	to charm, often deceptively · séduire, tromper	<i>A beguiling world hid an ugly truth.</i>
agonise	v.	to struggle painfully over a decision · se torturer (l'esprit)	<i>He agonised over which path to take.</i>
squander	v.	to waste recklessly · gaspiller, dilapider	<i>She squandered her one real chance.</i>
botch	v.	to do clumsily or spoil · bâcler, rater	<i>He botched the only shot he had.</i>
forfeit	v.	to lose as a penalty or by choice · perdre, renoncer à	<i>By lying, he forfeited their trust.</i>
predicament	n.	a difficult, awkward situation · situation délicate	<i>There was no easy way out of the predicament.</i>
compunction	n.	a feeling of guilt or moral scruple · scrupule, remords	<i>He felt no compunction about leaving.</i>
gloss	n.	a deceptively attractive surface · vernis, apparence trompeuse	<i>Beneath the gloss lay a hollow lie.</i>
misstep	n.	a mistake or false move · faux pas, erreur	<i>One misstep cost him everything.</i>

Expressions idiomatiques

Expression idiomatique	Sens
to be at a crossroads	être à la croisée des chemins
to live in a fool's paradise	se bercer d'illusions
the lesser of two evils	le moindre mal

Mots à reconnaître

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remorse	<i>n.</i>	deep regret for wrongdoing · remords	<i>He was consumed by remorse.</i>
wistful	<i>adj.</i>	full of sad, yearning thought · mélancolique, nostalgique	<i>She gave a wistful smile.</i>
wishful	<i>adj.</i>	based on wishes rather than facts · illusoire (wishful thinking)	<i>Freedom was wishful thinking.</i>
rueful	<i>adj.</i>	showing regret, often wryly · contrit, désabusé	<i>He gave a rueful shrug.</i>
forsake	<i>v.</i>	to abandon · abandonner, délaisser	<i>He would not forsake the truth.</i>
relinquish	<i>v.</i>	to give up or let go of · abandonner, renoncer à	<i>She relinquished her old certainties.</i>
atone	<i>v.</i>	to make amends · expier, réparer	<i>He sought to atone for his choice.</i>
brood	<i>v.</i>	to dwell gloomily on something · ruminer, broyer du noir	<i>He brooded over the missed chance.</i>
wallow	<i>v.</i>	to indulge in self-pity · se complaire, se vautrer	<i>Don't wallow in regret.</i>
pine	<i>v.</i>	to long painfully · languir, se languir	<i>She pined for what she had lost.</i>
yearn	<i>v.</i>	to feel a deep longing · aspirer, soupiner après	<i>He yearned to start again.</i>
deceptive	<i>adj.</i>	giving a false impression · trompeur	<i>The calm was deceptive.</i>
misleading	<i>adj.</i>	giving the wrong idea · trompeur, fallacieux	<i>The signs were deliberately misleading.</i>
bittersweet	<i>adj.</i>	both pleasant and painful · doux-amer	<i>The ending was bittersweet.</i>
repine	<i>v.</i>	to fret or complain · se lamenter, se morfondre	<i>There was no point repining now.</i>

Groupe 3

Mots à apprendre

Mot	Classe	Sens	Exemple en contexte
bewail	<i>v.</i>	to lament loudly · pleurer, déplorer	<i>He bewailed the road he had not taken.</i>
debunk	<i>v.</i>	to expose as false · démystifier, déboulonner	<i>The sequel debunks the hero's myth.</i>
inveigle	<i>v.</i>	to persuade by deception or flattery · entortiller, embobiner	<i>He was inveigled into a fatal bargain.</i>
gull	<i>v.</i>	to deceive or cheat · duper, bernier	<i>The system gulls millions into obedience.</i>
bedazzle	<i>v.</i>	to impress so as to blind to the truth · éblouir, aveugler	<i>Spectacle bedazzled them into silence.</i>
counterfeit	<i>adj.</i>	made in imitation to deceive · contrefait, faux	<i>Their world was a counterfeit reality.</i>
crux	<i>n.</i>	the decisive or most difficult point · nœud, point crucial	<i>The crux of the choice was trust.</i>
prevaricate	<i>v.</i>	to avoid the truth; to be evasive · tergiverser, biaiser	<i>He prevaricated rather than admit the mistake.</i>
equivocate	<i>v.</i>	to use ambiguous language to mislead · user de faux-fuyants	<i>She equivocated when asked outright.</i>
forswear	<i>v.</i>	to renounce or reject solemnly · renoncer (solennellement) à, abjurer	<i>He forswore the comforts of the illusion.</i>
ersatz	<i>adj.</i>	being an inferior imitation · ersatz, de substitution	<i>It offered only an ersatz freedom.</i>
about-face	<i>n.</i>	a complete reversal of position · revirement, volte-face	<i>His sudden about-face shocked them all.</i>
self-reproach	<i>n.</i>	blame directed at oneself · remords, auto-accusation	<i>Years of self-reproach followed.</i>
lay bare	<i>phrasal</i>	to expose or reveal fully · mettre à nu	<i>The film lays bare a hidden machine.</i>
strip away	<i>phrasal</i>	to remove (a covering or illusion) · dépouiller de, arracher	<i>It strips away every comforting lie.</i>

Expressions idiomatiques

Expression idiomatique	Sens
to have one's cake and eat it	vouloir le beurre et l'argent du beurre
a bitter pill to swallow	une pilule difficile à avaler
the road not taken	le chemin qu'on n'a pas pris

Mots à reconnaître

Mot	Classe	Sens	Exemple en contexte
contrition	<i>n.</i>	sincere remorse · contrition , repentir	<i>His contrition came too late.</i>
penitence	<i>n.</i>	regret and a wish to make amends · pénitence , repentir	<i>A life of penitence followed.</i>
recrimination	<i>n.</i>	mutual accusation and blame · récriminations	<i>The failure led to bitter recrimination.</i>
remorseful	<i>adj.</i>	feeling deep regret · plein de remords	<i>He sounded genuinely remorseful.</i>
illusory	<i>adj.</i>	not real, though seeming so · illusoire	<i>Their safety was illusory.</i>
chimerical	<i>adj.</i>	wildly fanciful; unreal · chimérique	<i>It was a chimerical hope.</i>
specious	<i>adj.</i>	superficially convincing but false · spécieux , fallacieux	<i>He offered a specious argument.</i>
spurious	<i>adj.</i>	false or fake · faux , fallacieux	<i>The choice was spurious from the start.</i>
ephemeral	<i>adj.</i>	lasting a very short time · éphémère	<i>The bliss was ephemeral.</i>
fleeting	<i>adj.</i>	passing quickly · fugace , passager	<i>A fleeting doubt crossed her mind.</i>
transient	<i>adj.</i>	brief and impermanent · transitoire , passager	<i>Comfort proved transient.</i>
mirage	<i>n.</i>	an illusion of something desired · mirage	<i>Free will may be a mirage.</i>
reverie	<i>n.</i>	a daydream · rêverie	<i>He drifted into a troubled reverie.</i>
facade	<i>n.</i>	a false outward appearance · façade	<i>Their world was a careful facade.</i>
simulacrum	<i>n.</i>	an imitation or unreal likeness · simulacre	<i>They lived inside a simulacrum.</i>