

Vocabulaire 1-8

Groupe 1

Mots à apprendre

Mot	Classe	Sens	Exemple en contexte
hazard	v.	to venture (a guess or opinion) · hasarder, risquer	<i>She hazarded a guess at the answer.</i>
float	v.	to put forward (an idea) tentatively · avancer, lancer (une idée)	<i>He floated the theory that the world was a program.</i>
entertain	v.	to consider (a possibility) · envisager, considérer	<i>She refused to entertain such a doubt.</i>
falter	v.	to hesitate or weaken · vaciller, hésiter	<i>His certainty began to falter.</i>
distrust	v.	to have no confidence in · se méfier de	<i>Neo learned to distrust his own senses.</i>
glimpse	v.	to see briefly or partially · entrevoir, apercevoir	<i>He glimpsed code behind the world.</i>
behold	v.	to see or observe · contempler, voir	<i>They beheld a vast, unreal city.</i>
register	v.	to notice and take in · percevoir, prendre conscience de	<i>The danger didn't register at first.</i>
standpoint	n.	a point of view · point de vue	<i>From his standpoint, nothing was certain.</i>
slant	n.	a particular angle or bias · angle, parti pris	<i>The report had a misleading slant.</i>
lens	n.	a way of perceiving things · prisme, optique	<i>She saw events through a sceptical lens.</i>
niggle	v.	to bother slightly and persistently · tracasser, titiller	<i>A small doubt niggled at him.</i>
toy with	phrasal	to consider casually · caresser (une idée)	<i>He toyed with the idea of staying.</i>
waffle	v.	to speak vaguely and indecisively · tergiverser, parler pour ne rien dire	<i>He waffled instead of giving an answer.</i>
gape	v.	to stare in wonder, mouth open · regarder bouche bée	<i>They gaped at the impossible sight.</i>

Expressions idiomatiques

Expression idiomatique	Sens
to take something with a pinch of salt	prendre avec des réserves
to be in two minds	être partagé, hésiter
as far as one can tell	pour autant qu'on puisse en juger

Mots à reconnaître

Mot	Classe	Sens	Exemple en contexte
wonder	v.	to feel curious or uncertain · se demander	<i>She wondered if any of it was real.</i>
ponder	v.	to think about carefully · réfléchir à, méditer	<i>He pondered the strange question.</i>
seem	v.	to appear to be · sembler, paraître	<i>Nothing was quite as it seemed.</i>
sense	v.	to feel or perceive · sentir, percevoir	<i>He sensed something was off.</i>
notice	v.	to become aware of · remarquer	<i>Did you notice the glitch?</i>
suspect	v.	to think likely · soupçonner	<i>She suspected the truth long ago.</i>
doubt	v.	to feel uncertain about · douter de	<i>He doubted his own eyes.</i>
guess	v.	to estimate without certainty · deviner	<i>Can you guess what's real?</i>
reckon	v.	to think or suppose · estimer, penser	<i>I reckon it's all a simulation.</i>
believe	v.	to accept as true · croire	<i>He no longer knew what to believe.</i>
view	n.	a way of regarding something · point de vue, avis	<i>In her view, nothing was certain.</i>
unsure	adj.	not confident or certain · incertain, peu sûr	<i>He felt unsure of everything.</i>
unclear	adj.	not easy to understand · flou, peu clair	<i>Their motives remained unclear.</i>
vague	adj.	not clearly defined · vague, flou	<i>He had only a vague impression.</i>
perhaps	adv.	possibly; maybe · peut-être	<i>Perhaps none of it had happened.</i>

Groupe 2

Mots à apprendre

Mot	Classe	Sens	Exemple en contexte
demur	v.	to raise objections; to hesitate · émettre des réserves, hésiter	<i>She demurred at the bold claim.</i>
ascertain	v.	to find out for certain · établir, s'assurer de	<i>They could not ascertain the truth.</i>
broach	v.	to raise (a subject) for discussion · aborder (un sujet)	<i>He hesitated to broach the question.</i>
quibble	v.	to argue over trivial points · ergoter, chipoter	<i>Critics quibbled over tiny details.</i>
cavil	v.	to make petty objections · chicaner, ergoter	<i>She cavilled at every suggestion.</i>
nitpick	v.	to find fault with small details · couper les cheveux en quatre	<i>Stop nitpicking and look at the whole.</i>
disbelieve	v.	to refuse to believe · ne pas croire	<i>He had every reason to disbelieve her.</i>
discount	v.	to dismiss as unimportant · écarter, ne pas tenir compte de	<i>Don't discount the possibility entirely.</i>
downplay	v.	to make seem less important · minimiser	<i>Officials downplayed the threat.</i>
overstate	v.	to exaggerate · exagérer, surestimer	<i>He overstated his own certainty.</i>
understate	v.	to present as smaller than it is · minimiser, sous-estimer	<i>She understated the risk.</i>
chew over	phrasal	to think about at length · ruminer, réfléchir à	<i>He chewed the idea over for days.</i>
rebut	v.	to argue against; to disprove · réfuter, contredire	<i>She calmly rebutted each charge.</i>
counter	v.	to respond in opposition · répliquer, contrer	<i>He countered with a sharper question.</i>
wave away	phrasal	to dismiss with a gesture · balayer (d'un revers de main)	<i>She waved away his objections.</i>

Expressions idiomatiques

Expression idiomatique	Sens
to have one's doubts	avoir des doutes
to give someone the benefit of the doubt	accorder le bénéfice du doute
on the face of it	à première vue

Mots à reconnaître

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muse	v.	to reflect or say thoughtfully · songer, méditer	<i>She mused on the nature of reality.</i>
query	v.	to question or express doubt about · mettre en doute, questionner	<i>He queried the official account.</i>
infer	v.	to conclude from evidence · inférer, déduire	<i>We can only infer his intentions.</i>
surmise	v.	to guess without proof · conjecturer, supposer	<i>She surmised the rest.</i>
gauge	v.	to estimate or judge · jauger, évaluer	<i>It was hard to gauge what was real.</i>
grasp	v.	to understand · saisir, comprendre	<i>He couldn't grasp the truth.</i>
dubious	adj.	doubtful; of questionable value · douteux, sceptique	<i>She was dubious about the plan.</i>
inquisitive	adj.	curious; eager to know · curieux, inquisiteur	<i>An inquisitive child asks why.</i>
sceptical	adj.	inclined to doubt · sceptique	<i>He remained deeply sceptical.</i>
hesitant	adj.	slow to act through uncertainty · hésitant	<i>She gave a hesitant nod.</i>
tentative	adj.	uncertain; not final · provisoire, hésitant	<i>They reached a tentative conclusion.</i>
ambiguous	adj.	open to more than one meaning · ambigu, équivoque	<i>His answer was deliberately ambiguous.</i>
elusive	adj.	hard to grasp or define · insaisissable, fuyant	<i>The truth proved elusive.</i>
puzzling	adj.	confusing; hard to explain · déroutant	<i>It was a puzzling discovery.</i>
hazy	adj.	unclear; vague · flou, vaporeux	<i>His memory of it was hazy.</i>

Groupe 3

Mots à apprendre

Mot	Classe	Sens	Exemple en contexte
controvert	v.	to deny or contradict · contredire, réfuter	<i>Nothing could controvert the evidence.</i>
disavow	v.	to deny responsibility for or belief in · désavouer, renier	<i>He disavowed his earlier claims.</i>
descry	v.	to catch sight of (something distant) · apercevoir, distinguer	<i>She descried a figure through the haze.</i>
profess	v.	to claim, often falsely · prétendre, professer	<i>He professed to know the truth.</i>
allege	v.	to assert without proof · alléguer, prétendre	<i>They alleged a vast conspiracy.</i>
contend	v.	to argue or maintain · soutenir, affirmer	<i>She contended that nothing was real.</i>
confute	v.	to prove wrong · réfuter	<i>The data confuted his whole theory.</i>
see through	phrasal	to perceive the truth behind · percer à jour	<i>She saw through the comforting lie.</i>
pierce	v.	to penetrate or see past · percer (à jour)	<i>His gaze seemed to pierce the illusion.</i>
misperceive	v.	to perceive wrongly · mal percevoir	<i>We constantly misperceive our own world.</i>
insight	n.	deep, perceptive understanding · perspicacité, aperçu	<i>The film offers a rare insight into perception.</i>
premise	n.	a statement assumed as a basis · prémisse, postulat	<i>The whole argument rests on one premise.</i>
caveat	n.	a warning or qualification · mise en garde, réserve	<i>She added an important caveat.</i>
proviso	n.	a condition attached to an agreement · condition, réserve	<i>He agreed, with one proviso.</i>
percipience	n.	keenness of perception · perspicacité, finesse	<i>Her percipience unsettled them.</i>

Expressions idiomatiques

Expression idiomatique	Sens
a leap in the dark	un saut dans l'inconnu
there's more to it than meets the eye	il y a plus que ce qu'on voit
to err on the side of caution	pécher par excès de prudence

Mots à reconnaître

Mot	Classe	Sens	Exemple en contexte
inscrutable	<i>adj.</i>	impossible to interpret · impénétrable, indéchiffrable	<i>His face was inscrutable.</i>
unreadable	<i>adj.</i>	impossible to read or interpret · indéchiffrable	<i>Her expression was unreadable.</i>
enigmatic	<i>adj.</i>	mysterious; hard to interpret · énigmatique	<i>He gave an enigmatic smile.</i>
opaque	<i>adj.</i>	hard to understand; not transparent · opaque, obscur	<i>The rules were deliberately opaque.</i>
nebulous	<i>adj.</i>	vague; ill-defined · nébuleux, flou	<i>He had only a nebulous idea.</i>
intangible	<i>adj.</i>	not able to be touched or grasped · intangible, impalpable	<i>An intangible unease lingered.</i>
ineffable	<i>adj.</i>	too great to be expressed in words · ineffable, indicible	<i>An ineffable sense of wrongness.</i>
ostensible	<i>adj.</i>	apparent but perhaps not real · prétendu, apparent	<i>The ostensible reason hid another.</i>
notional	<i>adj.</i>	existing only in theory · théorique, hypothétique	<i>It was a purely notional danger.</i>
conjectural	<i>adj.</i>	based on guesswork · conjectural, hypothétique	<i>His account was largely conjectural.</i>
perceptible	<i>adj.</i>	able to be noticed · perceptible	<i>There was a perceptible shift.</i>
discernible	<i>adj.</i>	able to be made out · discernable, perceptible	<i>No pattern was discernible.</i>
putative	<i>adj.</i>	generally supposed to be · présumé, supposé	<i>The putative cause was never proven.</i>
veiled	<i>adj.</i>	partly hidden or disguised · voilé, masqué	<i>A veiled threat lay behind the words.</i>
imperceptible	<i>adj.</i>	too slight to be noticed · imperceptible	<i>An almost imperceptible nod.</i>