

Vocabulaire 2-10

Groupe 1

Mots à apprendre

Mot	Sens	Équivalent	Exemple
swift (adj)	moving very fast	rapide, leste	<i>Apollo was swift and almost impossible to hit.</i>
fierce (adj)	violent and aggressive	féroce, acharné	<i>Their final round was the fiercest of the night.</i>
bulky (adj)	large and heavy	massif, corpulent	<i>Some heavyweights were bulky but slow.</i>
nimble (adj)	quick and light in movement	agile, vif	<i>Apollo stayed nimble on his feet.</i>
bold (adj)	brave and daring	audacieux, hardi	<i>Rocky made a bold challenge to the champion.</i>
broad (adj)	wide from side to side	large (carrure)	<i>He had broad shoulders and heavy fists.</i>
clumsy (adj)	awkward and likely to drop things	maladroit, pataud	<i>At first Rocky looked clumsy in the ring.</i>
mighty (adj)	very powerful and strong	puissant, costaud	<i>Apollo landed one mighty blow after another.</i>
lean (adj)	thin, fit and muscular	sec, musclé	<i>Training left Rocky lean and rock-hard.</i>
even (adj)	equal; balanced	à égalité, équilibré	<i>By the tenth round the fight was almost even.</i>
rough (adj)	harsh and violent	rude, brutal	<i>It was a rough, bloody contest.</i>
keen (adj)	very eager	vif, enthousiaste	<i>Rocky was keen to prove the doubters wrong.</i>
worth (adj)	good or important enough to deserve	qui vaut, de valeur	<i>He wanted to show he was worth something.</i>
to beat (v)	to defeat someone (beat)	battre, vaincre	<i>Few believed Rocky could beat the champion.</i>
to match (v)	to be equal to someone or something	égaler, rivaliser avec	<i>Could a club fighter really match Apollo Creed?</i>

Expressions

Expression	Sens	Exemple
head and shoulders above	far better than the others — largement supérieur à	<i>Apollo was head and shoulders above the rest.</i>
a cut above	clearly better in quality — d'un cran au-dessus	<i>Rocky proved he was a cut above a club fighter.</i>
neck and neck	very close, with neither one ahead — au coude à coude	<i>For ten rounds they were neck and neck.</i>

Mots à reconnaître

Mot	Sens
quick (adj)	rapide
slow (adj)	lent
weak (adj)	faible
light (adj)	léger
narrow (adj)	étroit
huge (adj)	énorme
tiny (adj)	minuscule
giant (adj)	géant
average (adj)	moyen
best (adj)	meilleur
worst (adj)	pire
rival (n)	rival, adversaire
superior (adj)	supérieur
inferior (adj)	inférieur
champion (n)	champion

Groupe 2

Mots à apprendre

Mot	Sens	Équivalent	Exemple
formidable (adj)	inspiring fear or respect through strength	redoutable, impressionnant	<i>Apollo was a formidable opponent.</i>
lithe (adj)	slim, supple and graceful	souple, agile	<i>The champion was lithe and lightning-quick.</i>
unbeatable (adj)	impossible to defeat	imbattable	<i>On paper, Creed looked unbeatable.</i>
sturdy (adj)	strongly built and solid	robuste, solide	<i>Rocky was sturdy and hard to knock down.</i>
vicious (adj)	brutal and savage	brutal, féroce	<i>He threw a vicious left hook.</i>
matchless (adj)	better than all others	sans égal, incomparable	<i>Apollo's footwork was matchless.</i>
burly (adj)	large and strongly built	costaud, baraqué	<i>The burly fighter loomed over Rocky.</i>
to outclass (v)	to be far better than someone	surclasser	<i>Apollo seemed to outclass everyone.</i>
to rank (v)	to place in order of quality	classer, se classer	<i>Critics ranked Rocky last of all the contenders.</i>
peerless (adj)	without equal	sans pareil, hors pair	<i>In his prime, Creed was peerless.</i>
gangly (adj)	tall, thin and awkward	dégingandé	<i>His gangly opponent had a long reach.</i>
to outshine (v)	to be much better or more impressive than	éclipser, surpasser	<i>Could the underdog outshine the champion?</i>
sluggish (adj)	slow and lacking energy	lent, mou, apathique	<i>Late in the fight, Apollo grew sluggish.</i>
towering (adj)	very tall and imposing	imposant, gigantesque	<i>A towering heavyweight blocked his path.</i>
underrated (adj)	not valued as highly as deserved	sous-estimé	<i>Rocky was badly underrated by the press.</i>

Expressions

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to be in a league of one's own	to be far better than everyone else — jouer dans une autre catégorie	<i>In the ring, Apollo was in a league of his own.</i>
to give someone a run for their money	to compete strongly against them — donner du fil à retordre	<i>The underdog gave the champion a run for his money.</i>
to leave someone in the dust	to get far ahead of them — distancer, laisser sur place	<i>Faster fighters left Rocky in the dust at first.</i>

Mots à reconnaître

Mot	Sens
contrast (n)	contraste
ranking (n)	classement
advantage (n)	avantage
favourite (n)	favori
heavyweight (n)	poids lourd
lightweight (n)	poids léger
prime (n)	apogée, fleur de l'âge
peak (n)	sommet, apogée
to surpass (v)	surpasser, dépasser
dominant (adj)	dominant
supreme (adj)	suprême
comparable (adj)	comparable
to outdo (v)	surpasser, faire mieux que
runner-up (n)	deuxième, finaliste
edge (n)	avantage (léger)

Groupe 3

Mots à apprendre

Mot	Sens	Équivalent	Exemple
consummate (adj)	showing the highest skill	accompli, consommé	<i>Apollo was a consummate showman and boxer.</i>
unrivalled (adj)	better than anyone else; without rival	sans égal, inégalé	<i>His speed was unrivalled in the division.</i>
fearsome (adj)	frightening, especially in strength	redoutable, effrayant	<i>Creed had a fearsome reputation.</i>
wiry (adj)	lean but tough and strong	sec et nerveux, musclé	<i>Rocky was wiry, lean and durable.</i>
ponderous (adj)	slow and heavy; clumsy	pesant, lourdaud	<i>Heavier fighters were ponderous by comparison.</i>
vaunted (adj)	much praised, often too much	tant vanté, réputé	<i>The champion's vaunted jab rarely missed.</i>
unassailable (adj)	impossible to attack or defeat	inattaquable, imprenable	<i>His lead looked unassailable.</i>
brawny (adj)	physically strong and muscular	musclé, costaud	<i>Rocky's brawny arms could end a fight.</i>
lumbering (adj)	moving slowly and heavily	pataud, lourd	<i>A lumbering giant was easy to outbox.</i>
deft (adj)	skilful and quick	adroit, habile, preste	<i>Apollo was deft and clever with his feet.</i>
paramount (adj)	more important than anything else	primordial, suprême	<i>For Rocky, respect was paramount.</i>
to outstrip (v)	to go faster or further than; to surpass	devancer, surpasser	<i>Apollo's speed outstripped them all.</i>
to supersede (v)	to take the place of something older	supplanter, remplacer	<i>A new champion would soon supersede him.</i>
callow (adj)	young and inexperienced	inexpérimenté, blanc-bec	<i>Rocky was no callow beginner.</i>
doughty (adj)	brave and determined	vaillant, courageux	<i>The doughty underdog refused to fall.</i>

Expressions

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to be a class apart	to be clearly superior to all others — être dans une catégorie à part	<i>Apollo was a class apart from his rivals.</i>
to wipe the floor with someone	to defeat them completely — battre à plate couture	<i>Everyone expected Apollo to wipe the floor with Rocky.</i>
to knock spots off	to be far better than someone or something — surpasser largement, damer le pion à	<i>On his day, Apollo could knock spots off any fighter.</i>

Mots à reconnaître

Mot	Sens
supremacy (n)	suprématie
primacy (n)	primauté
mastery (n)	maîtrise
virtuosity (n)	virtuosité
finesse (n)	finesse, doigté
dexterity (n)	dextérité
nimbleness (n)	agilité, vivacité
fleetness (n)	rapidité, vélocité
robustness (n)	robustesse
ascendancy (n)	ascendant, domination
preponderance (n)	prépondérance
championship (n)	championnat, titre
supremo (n)	grand chef, maître
prizefighter (n)	boxeur professionnel
welterweight (n)	poids welter