

Vocabulaire 2-11

Groupe 1

Mots à apprendre

Mot	Sens	Équivalent	Exemple
to achieve (v)	to succeed in doing something through effort	accomplir, réaliser	<i>Rocky has achieved more than anyone expected.</i>
to earn (v)	to deserve and get through work	gagner, mériter	<i>He has earned the city's respect the hard way.</i>
to manage (v)	to succeed in doing something difficult	réussir à, parvenir à	<i>Somehow he has managed to stay on his feet.</i>
aim (n)	a goal or purpose	but, objectif	<i>His only aim was to go the distance.</i>
to reach (v)	to arrive at or get to a level	atteindre	<i>He has finally reached the top of the steps.</i>
rise (n)	an upward movement to success	ascension, montée	<i>His rise from nobody to contender is incredible.</i>
feat (n)	an impressive act of skill or strength	exploit, prouesse	<i>Lasting fifteen rounds is an amazing feat.</i>
to fail (v)	to not succeed	échouer	<i>He has failed many times before this shot.</i>
to improve (v)	to get better	améliorer, s'améliorer	<i>He has improved with every brutal week.</i>
milestone (n)	an important point in progress	étape, jalon	<i>This fight is the great milestone of his life.</i>
hurdle (n)	an obstacle to overcome	obstacle, haie	<i>He has cleared every hurdle in his path.</i>
comeback (n)	a return to success after a setback	retour (gagnant)	<i>Rocky has made the comeback of a lifetime.</i>
worthwhile (adj)	worth the time, effort or money	qui en vaut la peine	<i>All the pain has been worthwhile.</i>
lifetime (n)	the length of a person's life	vie (entière)	<i>He has trained for this his whole lifetime.</i>
ever (adv)	at any time	déjà, un jour	<i>Has he ever wanted anything more than respect?</i>

Expressions

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to make it	to succeed after great effort — réussir, y arriver	<i>If he lasts, Rocky has finally made it.</i>
to come a long way	to have made great progress — avoir fait beaucoup de chemin	<i>Rocky has come a long way from the docks.</i>
to pay off	to produce good results in the end — porter ses fruits, payer	<i>All that training has paid off.</i>

Mots à reconnaître

Mot	Sens
success (n)	réussite, succès
failure (n)	échec
progress (n)	progrès
victory (n)	victoire
defeat (n)	défaite
reward (n)	récompense
prize (n)	prix, récompense
medal (n)	médaille
attempt (n)	tentative, essai
target (n)	objectif, cible
never (adv)	(ne) jamais
already (adv)	déjà
yet (adv)	encore, déjà (interrog.)
before (adv)	avant, auparavant
experienced (adj)	expérimenté

Groupe 2

Mots à apprendre

Mot	Sens	Équivalent	Exemple
to attain (v)	to reach or achieve a goal	atteindre, parvenir à	<i>He has attained a dream he never dared speak.</i>
breakthrough (n)	an important advance or success	percée, avancée décisive	<i>The title shot is his big breakthrough.</i>
endeavour (n)	a serious, determined effort	entreprise, effort soutenu	<i>His endeavour has cost him everything.</i>
to stumble (v)	to trip; to make a mistake	trébucher, faire un faux pas	<i>He has stumbled often, but never stayed down.</i>
to overcome (v)	to succeed in dealing with a problem	surmonter, vaincre	<i>Rocky has overcome poverty and doubt.</i>
accolade (n)	an award or expression of praise	distinction, honneur	<i>Respect is the only accolade he wants.</i>
to fulfil (v)	to achieve or carry out (a dream, duty)	accomplir, réaliser	<i>He has fulfilled a lifelong ambition.</i>
standing (n)	a person's rank or reputation	réputation, rang	<i>One fight has transformed his standing.</i>
drive (n)	strong motivation and energy	détermination, allant	<i>His drive has carried him through the pain.</i>
seasoned (adj)	very experienced	aguerri, chevronné	<i>Apollo is a seasoned, polished champion.</i>
landmark (adj)	marking an important stage	marquant, mémorable	<i>It was a landmark night for the underdog.</i>
to thrive (v)	to grow strong and do very well	prosperer, s'épanouir	<i>Under pressure, Rocky has begun to thrive.</i>
underway (adj)	having started and in progress	en cours	<i>The greatest fight of his life is underway.</i>
tireless (adj)	never seeming to get tired	infatigable	<i>Mickey has been a tireless trainer.</i>
proven (adj)	shown to be true or effective	éprouvé, qui a fait ses preuves	<i>Apollo is a proven, world-class fighter.</i>

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to make a name for oneself	to become well known and respected — se faire un nom	<i>Rocky has made a name for himself overnight.</i>
to rise to the occasion	to perform well when it matters most — se montrer à la hauteur	<i>On the big night, he rose to the occasion.</i>
to earn one's stripes	to prove yourself through experience — faire ses preuves, gagner ses galons	<i>He earned his stripes in tough club fights.</i>

Mots à reconnaître

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accomplishment (n)	accomplissement, réussite
triumph (n)	triomphe
conquest (n)	conquête
ascent (n)	ascension
recognition (n)	reconnaissance
distinction (n)	distinction
honour (n)	honneur
status (n)	statut, rang
reputation (n)	réputation
persistence (n)	persévérance, ténacité
fulfilment (n)	épanouissement, accomplissement
attainment (n)	réalisation, acquis
hard-won (adj)	durement gagné
well-earned (adj)	bien mérité
high-point (n)	point culminant, apogée

Groupe 3

Mots à apprendre

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pinnacle (n)	the most successful point	apogée, sommet, faîte	<i>This bout is the pinnacle of his career.</i>
single-minded (adj)	focused on one aim only	résolu, déterminé	<i>Rocky has been single-minded in training.</i>
vindication (n)	proof that one was right after doubt	revanche, justification	<i>Going the distance is his vindication.</i>
to weather (v)	to come safely through a hard time	surmonter, traverser (une épreuve)	<i>He has weathered every storm life threw at him.</i>
laurels (n)	honour and praise won by achievement	lauriers, gloire	<i>Apollo has rested too long on his laurels.</i>
crowning (adj)	forming the finest, greatest part	suprême, qui couronne	<i>This is the crowning moment of his life.</i>
headway (n)	forward progress	progrès, avancée	<i>Round by round, Rocky makes headway.</i>
plucky (adj)	brave and spirited despite difficulty	courageux, plein de cran	<i>The plucky underdog refuses to fall.</i>
self-made (adj)	successful through one's own efforts	qui s'est fait tout seul, parti de rien	<i>Rocky is a self-made man from the slums.</i>
unbowed (adj)	not defeated or discouraged	qui ne plie pas, inflexible	<i>Bloodied but unbowed, he fights on.</i>
reckoning (n)	a moment of judgement; serious account	heure de vérité ; estime	<i>Suddenly Rocky is a name to reckon with.</i>
uphill (adj)	difficult; against resistance	ardu, à contre-courant	<i>His whole life has been an uphill battle.</i>
hard-fought (adj)	won only with great effort	durement disputé, âprement gagné	<i>Every round has been hard-fought.</i>
dark horse (n)	a surprise competitor who may succeed	outsider (surprise)	<i>Rocky is the dark horse of the heavyweight scene.</i>
to rise above (v)	to overcome and not be limited by	s'élever au-dessus de, transcender	<i>He has risen above his humble beginnings.</i>

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to come into one's own	to finally show your true ability — donner toute sa mesure, s'épanouir	<i>In this fight, Rocky comes into his own.</i>
to go from strength to strength	to keep becoming more successful — aller de succès en succès	<i>After this, his career goes from strength to strength.</i>
to be a force to be reckoned with	to be a strong, serious opponent — être un adversaire de taille	<i>Rocky is now a force to be reckoned with.</i>

Mots à reconnaître

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culmination (n)	aboutissement, apogée
zenith (n)	zénith, apogée
apex (n)	sommet, apex
kudos (n)	gloire, prestige
plaudits (n)	applaudissements, éloges
renown (n)	renommée
eminence (n)	éminence, notoriété
stature (n)	stature, envergure
watershed (n)	tournant (décisif)
swansong (n)	chant du cygne
perseverance (n)	persévérance
doggedness (n)	ténacité, opiniâtreté
fruition (n)	réalisation, concrétisation
apprenticeship (n)	apprentissage
groundwork (n)	travail préparatoire, bases