

Vocabulaire 2-13

Groupe 1

Mots à apprendre

Mot	Sens	Équivalent	Exemple
to trap (v)	to catch and keep in a place with no escape	piéger, coincer	<i>The blast doors have trapped them inside the hive.</i>
beast (n)	a large, dangerous animal or monster	bête, monstre	<i>The beast has stalked them since the landing.</i>
hull (n)	the main body of a ship or spacecraft	coque (vaisseau, navire)	<i>Something is tearing at the ship's hull.</i>
pitch-black (adj)	completely dark	noir d'encre, noir total	<i>The corridors are pitch-black and silent.</i>
to hunt (v)	to chase and try to kill or catch	chasser, traquer	<i>It has hunted them through the dark since the crash.</i>
stranded (adj)	left somewhere with no way to leave	échoué, bloqué, en rade	<i>They have been stranded here since the dropship crashed.</i>
fear (n)	the feeling caused by danger	peur, crainte	<i>Fear has gripped the crew for days.</i>
threat (n)	a person or thing likely to cause harm	menace	<i>The creature is a threat like no other.</i>
doom (n)	death or terrible fate that cannot be avoided	perte, sort funeste	<i>A sense of doom fills the dark station.</i>
weapon (n)	a thing used to fight or attack	arme	<i>Their weapons barely slow the creature down.</i>
deadly (adj)	able to kill	mortel, meurtrier	<i>Its acid blood is deadly to the touch.</i>
trail (n)	marks or signs left by something moving	piste, trace	<i>They have followed the slime trail for an hour.</i>
shelter (n)	a place giving protection from danger	abri, refuge	<i>They have found shelter in the medbay.</i>
jumpy (adj)	nervous and easily frightened	nerveux, à cran	<i>Everyone has been jumpy since the lights failed.</i>
nest (n)	a place where creatures breed and live	nid	<i>The eggs lie deep inside the alien nest.</i>

Expressions

Expression	Sens	Exemple
to hold your breath	to wait in tense anticipation — retenir son souffle	<i>They held their breath as it passed.</i>
a matter of life and death	an extremely serious, urgent situation — une question de vie ou de mort	<i>Every choice is a matter of life and death.</i>
to make it out alive	to survive a dangerous situation — s'en sortir vivant	<i>Few of them will make it out alive.</i>

Mots à reconnaître

Mot	Sens
space (n)	espace
ship (n)	vaisseau
planet (n)	planète
station (n)	station
tunnel (n)	tunnel
corridor (n)	couloir
escape (n)	fuite, évasion
survivor (n)	survivant
monster (n)	monstre
claw (n)	griffe
scream (n)	cri, hurlement
scared (adj)	effrayé
terrified (adj)	terrifié
silent (adj)	silencieux
hidden (adj)	caché

Groupe 2

Mots à apprendre

Mot	Sens	Équivalent	Exemple
to besiege (v)	to surround in order to attack or trap	assiéger	<i>Aliens have besieged the colony for weeks.</i>
peril (n)	serious danger	péril, danger	<i>The crew has been in peril since they landed.</i>
onslaught (n)	a fierce, overwhelming attack	assaut, attaque déferlante	<i>They have survived onslaught after onslaught.</i>
merciless (adj)	showing no mercy; cruel	impitoyable	<i>The creature is a merciless hunter.</i>
ambush (n)	a surprise attack from a hidden position	embuscade, guet-apens	<i>The aliens set a deadly ambush in the dark.</i>
barren (adj)	empty; unable to support life	stérile, aride, désert	<i>LV-426 is a cold, barren world.</i>
to swarm (v)	to move in a large, crowded mass	grouiller, déferler	<i>The creatures swarm through the air vents.</i>
plight (n)	a difficult, dangerous situation	détresse, situation désespérée	<i>No one on Earth knows of their plight.</i>
to fend off (v)	to defend oneself against; to repel	repousser, parer	<i>They have fended off attacks all night.</i>
to dwindle (v)	to become gradually smaller or fewer	diminuer, s'amenuiser	<i>Their supplies have dwindled to nothing.</i>
looming (adj)	appearing large and threatening; imminent	imminent, menaçant	<i>A looming threat hangs over every door.</i>
corpse (n)	a dead body	cadavre	<i>They found the colonists' corpses in the walls.</i>
to last (v)	to continue; to remain usable	durer, tenir, subsister	<i>The barricade will not last much longer.</i>
sweltering (adj)	unpleasantly hot and airless	étouffant (de chaleur), caniculaire	<i>The air in the ducts is hot and sweltering.</i>
to brace (v)	to prepare oneself for something difficult	se préparer (à un choc), s'arc-bouter	<i>Brace yourselves — they're coming through.</i>

Expressions

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to fight for one's life	to struggle desperately to survive — se battre pour sa vie	<i>Ripley is fighting for her life.</i>
to be at someone's mercy	to be completely in their power — être à la merci de qqn	<i>They are at the creature's mercy.</i>
a sitting duck	an easy, defenceless target — une cible facile	<i>Out in the open, they are sitting ducks.</i>

Mots à reconnaître

Mot	Sens (anglais — français)
isolation (n)	isolement
terror (n)	terreur
panic (n)	panique
predator (n)	prédateur
prey (n)	proie
lair (n)	tanière, repaire
tentacle (n)	tentacule
hive (n)	ruche, nid
specimen (n)	spécimen
distress (n)	détresse
desolate (adj)	désolé, désertique
hostile (adj)	hostile
lethal (adj)	léta1, mortel
claustrophobic (adj)	oppressant, claustrophobe
relentless (adj)	implacable, incessant

Groupe 3

Mots à apprendre

Mot	Sens	Équivalent	Exemple
beleaguered (adj)	under attack; beset by difficulties	assiégé, harcelé	<i>The beleaguered crew has held out for days.</i>
unrelenting (adj)	never stopping or weakening	implacable, sans relâche	<i>The aliens mount an unrelenting assault.</i>
ravenous (adj)	extremely hungry; voracious	affamé, vorace	<i>A ravenous creature stalks the lower deck.</i>
wasteland (n)	an empty, ruined or barren area	désert, terre désolée	<i>Outside lies a frozen wasteland.</i>
bloodshed (n)	violence in which people are killed	effusion de sang	<i>The colony ended in terrible bloodshed.</i>
to deplete (v)	to use up; to reduce greatly	épuiser, réduire (des réserves)	<i>Their oxygen has been depleted by the leak.</i>
impending (adj)	about to happen; threatening	imminent, menaçant	<i>Alarms warn of impending disaster.</i>
to ensnare (v)	to catch in a trap	piéger, prendre au piège	<i>The webbing ensnares anyone who passes.</i>
forlorn (adj)	abandoned, lonely and hopeless	abandonné, désespéré	<i>A forlorn distress call echoes through space.</i>
harrowing (adj)	extremely distressing; terrifying	éprouvant, déchirant	<i>They have lived a harrowing nightmare.</i>
quarry (n)	a person or animal being hunted	proie (chassée), gibier	<i>Ripley has become the creature's quarry.</i>
festering (adj)	rotting; growing worse and infected	purulent, qui s'envenime	<i>A festering hive fills the lower levels.</i>
scant (adj)	very little; barely enough	maigre, insuffisant	<i>They have scant hope of rescue.</i>
death knell (n)	a sign of the end or coming death	glas, signe annonciateur de la fin	<i>The failing reactor sounds their death knell.</i>
inescapable (adj)	impossible to avoid or escape	inéluçtable, inévitable	<i>Their doom feels inescapable.</i>

Expressions

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to stare death in the face	to confront extreme mortal danger — regarder la mort en face	<i>She has stared death in the face and lived.</i>
a lamb to the slaughter	a helpless victim unaware of danger — un agneau qu'on mène à l'abattoir	<i>The colonists were lambs to the slaughter.</i>
the calm before the storm	a quiet period before trouble erupts — le calme avant la tempête	<i>This silence is the calm before the storm.</i>

Mots à reconnaître

Mot	Sens
abomination (n)	abomination
monstrosity (n)	monstruosité
foreboding (n)	pressentiment funeste
malevolence (n)	malveillance
desolation (n)	désolation
claustrophobia (n)	claustrophobie
asphyxiation (n)	asphyxie
infestation (n)	infestation
gestation (n)	gestation
viscera (n)	viscères, entrailles
carrion (n)	charogne
putrefaction (n)	putréfaction
attrition (n)	usure, attrition
jeopardy (n)	danger, péril
carnage (n)	carnage