

Vocabulaire 2-14

Groupe 1

Mots à apprendre

Mot	Sens	Équivalent	Exemple
to intend (v)	to plan or mean to do something	avoir l'intention de, compter	<i>Ripley intends to destroy the nest.</i>
rescue (n)	the act of saving someone from danger	sauvetage, secours	<i>Their only hope is a rescue from orbit.</i>
to expect (v)	to think something will happen	s'attendre à, prévoir	<i>They expect the creatures to attack at night.</i>
likely (adj)	probable; expected to happen	probable	<i>It is likely the power will fail soon.</i>
shortly (adv)	in a short time; soon	sous peu, bientôt	<i>The dropship will arrive shortly.</i>
hope (n)	a feeling that something good may happen	espoir	<i>Hope is fading with every passing hour.</i>
safe (adj)	protected from danger	sûr, en sécurité	<i>Nowhere on the station is truly safe.</i>
to wait (v)	to stay until something happens	attendre	<i>They will wait for the signal to move.</i>
ahead (adv)	in front; in the future	devant, à venir	<i>A long, dark night lies ahead.</i>
to summon (v)	to call someone to come, especially for help	appeler, faire venir	<i>She will summon help on the radio.</i>
chance (n)	a possibility that something will happen	probabilité, possibilité	<i>There is little chance of escape.</i>
to rush (v)	to move or act very quickly	se précipiter, foncer	<i>Don't rush — the creature hears everything.</i>
doubt (n)	a feeling of uncertainty	doute	<i>There is no doubt the aliens will return.</i>
backup (n)	extra help or support	renforts, soutien	<i>Backup is still hours away.</i>
to reckon (v)	to think or believe; to estimate	penser, estimer, compter	<i>Hicks reckons they can hold till dawn.</i>

Expressions

Expression	Sens	Exemple
help is on the way	rescue is coming — les secours arrivent	<i>Hold on — help is on the way.</i>
to make a run for it	to try to escape quickly — tenter de s'enfuir, prendre ses jambes à son cou	<i>On my signal, we make a run for it.</i>
to play it safe	to avoid taking risks — jouer la sécurité	<i>Let's play it safe and seal the door.</i>

Mots à reconnaître

Mot	Sens
future (n)	avenir, futur
later (adv)	plus tard
tomorrow (adv)	demain
plan (n)	plan, projet
help (n)	aide, secours
danger (n)	danger
ready (adj)	prêt
sure (adj)	sûr, certain
maybe (adv)	peut-être
perhaps (adv)	peut-être
probably (adv)	probablement
possible (adj)	possible
certain (adj)	certain
to prepare (v)	préparer
to leave (v)	partir, quitter

Groupe 2

Mots à apprendre

Mot	Sens	Équivalent	Exemple
to foresee (v)	to know or expect before it happens	prévoir, anticiper	<i>No one could foresee the colony's fall.</i>
to retreat (v)	to move back from danger or an enemy	battre en retraite, se replier	<i>They will retreat to the upper levels.</i>
forthcoming (adj)	about to happen; coming soon	à venir, prochain	<i>There is no forthcoming help from the company.</i>
to devise (v)	to plan or invent (a method, plan)	concevoir, élaborer	<i>Ripley will devise a plan to escape.</i>
lifeline (n)	something that gives a vital chance of survival	bouée de sauvetage, planche de salut	<i>The dropship is their last lifeline.</i>
to muster (v)	to gather (forces, courage)	rassembler, mobiliser	<i>They muster what few weapons remain.</i>
ominous (adj)	suggesting that something bad will happen	de mauvais augure, menaçant	<i>An ominous quiet settles over the deck.</i>
ploy (n)	a clever plan or trick to gain an advantage	stratagème, manœuvre	<i>Luring the queen out is a risky ploy.</i>
to await (v)	to wait for	attendre, guetter	<i>They await rescue that may never come.</i>
prospect (n)	the possibility of a future event	perspective, éventualité	<i>The prospect of survival looks grim.</i>
to forecast (v)	to predict (weather, events)	prévoir, pronostiquer	<i>Scanners forecast another attack within the hour.</i>
contingency (n)	a possible future event to plan for	éventualité, imprévu	<i>Every contingency has been planned for.</i>
to dispatch (v)	to send off quickly to a destination	envoyer, dépêcher	<i>Command will dispatch a second ship.</i>
dire (adj)	extremely serious or urgent	désastreux, extrême	<i>Their situation grows more dire by the minute.</i>
headlong (adv)	with reckless haste; head first	tête baissée, à toute allure	<i>They will not rush headlong into the nest.</i>

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to buy time	to delay in order to gain an advantage — gagner du temps	<i>Sealing the door will buy them time.</i>
the writing is on the wall	there are clear signs of coming trouble — les signes ne trompent pas, c'est couru d'avance	<i>For the colony, the writing was on the wall.</i>
to hold the fort	to keep things going and defend a position — tenir la position, garder la maison	<i>Hicks will hold the fort while she scouts.</i>

Mots à reconnaître

Mot	Sens
prediction (n)	prédiction, prévision
intention (n)	intention
strategy (n)	stratégie
scheme (n)	plan, stratagème
tactic (n)	tactique
evacuation (n)	évacuation
withdrawal (n)	retrait, repli
reinforcements (n)	renforts
likelihood (n)	probabilité
probability (n)	probabilité
certainty (n)	certitude
foreseeable (adj)	prévisible
imminent (adj)	imminent
inevitable (adj)	inévitabile
anticipation (n)	anticipation, attente

Groupe 3

Mots à apprendre

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to extricate (v)	to free from a difficult situation	tirer, dégager (d'une situation)	<i>They must extricate the survivors before dawn.</i>
to portend (v)	to be a sign or warning of (something bad)	présager, annoncer	<i>The dead signal portends the worst.</i>
foretaste (n)	a small early experience of something to come	avant-goût, prémices	<i>The first scream was a foretaste of the horror to come.</i>
to forestall (v)	to prevent by acting first	prévenir, devancer	<i>Sealing the vents may forestall the swarm.</i>
reprieve (n)	a temporary relief from danger or trouble	sursis, répit	<i>The jammed door gives them a brief reprieve.</i>
wherewithal (n)	the means or resources needed	moyens (nécessaires)	<i>They lack the wherewithal for a long siege.</i>
nigh (adj)	near in time; approaching	proche, imminent	<i>For the colonists, the end was nigh.</i>
to augur (v)	to be a sign of a future outcome	augurer, présager	<i>The falling temperature augurs ill.</i>
to contrive (v)	to cleverly plan or arrange	combiner, s'arranger pour	<i>Ripley contrives a way to reach the shuttle.</i>
stronghold (n)	a well-defended place	bastion, place forte	<i>The operations room becomes their stronghold.</i>
baleful (adj)	threatening harm; menacing	sinistre, funeste, menaçant	<i>A baleful glow pulses deep in the nest.</i>
last-ditch (adj)	final and desperate	ultime, de la dernière chance	<i>They plan a last-ditch dash to the airlock.</i>
exigency (n)	an urgent need or demand	exigence, situation critique	<i>The exigency of the moment leaves no choice.</i>
to waylay (v)	to ambush; to stop and attack	intercepter, prendre en embuscade	<i>Creatures waylay them in the dark corridor.</i>
to salvage (v)	to save (what remains) from loss or wreck	sauver, récupérer	<i>They salvage what gear they can carry.</i>

Expressions

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a fighting chance	a real, if small, chance of success — une chance réelle de s'en sortir	<i>With the ship intact, they have a fighting chance.</i>
all bets are off	the outcome is now completely uncertain — plus rien n'est joué, tout peut arriver	<i>Once the queen wakes, all bets are off.</i>
to hang by a thread	to be in a very precarious state — ne tenir qu'à un fil	<i>Their survival hangs by a thread.</i>

Mots à reconnaître

Mot	Sens
prophecy (n)	prophétie
prognosis (n)	pronostic
omen (n)	présage, augure
harbinger (n)	signe avant-coureur, héraut
portent (n)	présage
augury (n)	augure, présage
foresight (n)	prévoyance, clairvoyance
prescience (n)	prescience
conjecture (n)	conjecture
supposition (n)	supposition
machination (n)	machination
subterfuge (n)	subterfuge
eventuality (n)	éventualité
foreknowledge (n)	connaissance anticipée
rendezvous (n)	point de rencontre, rendez-vous