

## Vocabulaire 2-16

### Groupe 1

#### Mots à apprendre

| Mot                   | Sens                                            | Équivalent                    | Exemple                                                       |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>able (adj)</b>     | having the power or skill to do something       | capable                       | <i>The creature is able to crawl across the ceiling.</i>      |
| <b>sign (n)</b>       | something that shows that something else exists | signe, indice                 | <i>A fresh sign of the alien stops them cold.</i>             |
| <b>to sense (v)</b>   | to feel or notice without being told            | sentir, percevoir, deviner    | <i>Ripley can sense that something is watching them.</i>      |
| <b>to seem (v)</b>    | to appear to be                                 | sembler, paraître             | <i>The colony seems empty, but it is not.</i>                 |
| <b>skill (n)</b>      | the ability to do something well                | compétence, habileté          | <i>It takes real skill to survive down here.</i>              |
| <b>proof (n)</b>      | facts that show something is true               | preuve                        | <i>They have no proof that anyone is alive.</i>               |
| <b>unlikely (adj)</b> | not probable                                    | improbable, peu probable      | <i>It is unlikely that anyone survived the first attack.</i>  |
| <b>to spot (v)</b>    | to see or notice suddenly                       | repérer, apercevoir           | <i>She spots a shape moving in the steam.</i>                 |
| <b>to tell (v)</b>    | to know or judge from signs                     | distinguer, savoir (voir)     | <i>You can't tell if it is dead or just still.</i>            |
| <b>wits (n)</b>       | quick intelligence; the ability to think fast   | esprit, présence d'esprit     | <i>Survival takes courage and quick wits.</i>                 |
| <b>to smell (v)</b>   | to notice or detect an odour                    | sentir (une odeur), flairer   | <i>The creature can smell fear from far away.</i>             |
| <b>clever (adj)</b>   | quick to understand; intelligent                | malin, intelligent, astucieux | <i>The alien is far more clever than a mere animal.</i>       |
| <b>to climb (v)</b>   | to go up using hands and feet                   | grimper, escalader            | <i>It can climb sheer walls with ease.</i>                    |
| <b>obvious (adj)</b>  | easy to see or understand                       | évident, manifeste            | <i>From the slime trail, it is obvious which way it went.</i> |
| <b>hint (n)</b>       | a small sign or clue                            | indice, allusion              | <i>The flickering scanner is the only hint they get.</i>      |

#### Expressions

| Expression                         | Sens                                                                  | Exemple                                       |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| <b>to put two and two together</b> | to work out the truth from clues — faire le rapprochement, en déduire | <i>She put two and two together and ran.</i>  |
| <b>it stands to reason</b>         | it is logical and to be expected — c'est logique, il va de soi        | <i>It stands to reason the nest is below.</i> |
| <b>to have a knack for</b>         | to have a natural skill at — avoir le coup de main, être doué pour    | <i>Ripley has a knack for staying alive.</i>  |

## Mots à reconnaître

| Mot            | Sens                      |
|----------------|---------------------------|
| evidence (n)   | preuve(s), indice(s)      |
| mystery (n)    | mystère                   |
| ability (n)    | capacité, aptitude        |
| talent (n)     | talent                    |
| capable (adj)  | capable                   |
| smart (adj)    | intelligent, malin        |
| certain (adj)  | certain, sûr              |
| possibly (adv) | peut-être, éventuellement |
| likely (adv)   | probablement              |
| unknown (adj)  | inconnu                   |
| guess (n)      | supposition, hypothèse    |
| trace (n)      | trace, indice             |
| track (n)      | piste, trace              |
| instinct (n)   | instinct                  |
| reason (n)     | raison, logique           |

## Groupe 2

### Mots à apprendre

| Mot                       | Sens                                     | Équivalent                        | Exemple                                                          |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>to infer (v)</b>       | to work out from evidence                | déduire, inférer                  | <i>From the empty pods, they infer the colonists were taken.</i> |
| <b>apt (adj)</b>          | likely to do something; suitable         | enclin à, susceptible de ; apte   | <i>The creature is apt to strike from above.</i>                 |
| <b>feasible (adj)</b>     | possible to do; achievable               | faisable, réalisable              | <i>Reaching the shuttle may still be feasible.</i>               |
| <b>telltale (adj)</b>     | revealing; giving something away         | révélateur, qui trahit            | <i>A telltale hiss warns them it is near.</i>                    |
| <b>presumably (adv)</b>   | probably; as may be supposed             | vraisemblablement, sans doute     | <i>Presumably the queen controls the others.</i>                 |
| <b>to make out (v)</b>    | to manage to see, hear or understand     | distinguer, déchiffrer            | <i>In the dark, she can just make out a shape.</i>               |
| <b>grasp (n)</b>          | understanding; a firm hold               | compréhension, maîtrise           | <i>They have no real grasp of how it breeds.</i>                 |
| <b>odds (n)</b>           | the likelihood of something happening    | chances, probabilités             | <i>The odds of rescue grow worse by the hour.</i>                |
| <b>to gauge (v)</b>       | to estimate or judge                     | évaluer, jauger                   | <i>It is hard to gauge how many are left.</i>                    |
| <b>resourceful (adj)</b>  | good at solving problems cleverly        | débrouillard, ingénieux           | <i>Newt has been resourceful enough to survive alone.</i>        |
| <b>unmistakable (adj)</b> | impossible to confuse with anything else | caractéristique, indubitable      | <i>That screech is unmistakable.</i>                             |
| <b>to pin down (v)</b>    | to identify or determine exactly         | cerner, déterminer avec précision | <i>They cannot pin down where it is hiding.</i>                  |
| <b>shrewd (adj)</b>       | showing sharp, practical judgement       | perspicace, astucieux, fin        | <i>Ripley makes a shrewd guess about the lair.</i>               |
| <b>scope (n)</b>          | the range or extent of something         | portée, étendue, marge            | <i>The scope of the disaster is only now clear.</i>              |
| <b>conspicuous (adj)</b>  | clearly visible; easily noticed          | bien visible, manifeste, voyant   | <i>The fresh scars are a conspicuous clue.</i>                   |

### Expressions

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|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| <b>to read between the lines</b> | to understand a hidden meaning — lire entre les lignes  | <i>Read between the lines: the company knew.</i> |
| <b>to have a hunch</b>           | to have an instinctive feeling — avoir un pressentiment | <i>Ripley has a hunch the signal is a trap.</i>  |
| <b>to size someone up</b>        | to form a judgement about someone — jauger quelqu'un    | <i>She sizes up each marine in a glance.</i>     |

## Mots à reconnaître

| Mot                      | Sens                   |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>deduction (n)</b>     | déduction              |
| <b>inference (n)</b>     | inférence, déduction   |
| <b>possibility (n)</b>   | possibilité            |
| <b>capability (n)</b>    | capacité               |
| <b>competence (n)</b>    | compétence             |
| <b>intuition (n)</b>     | intuition              |
| <b>hypothesis (n)</b>    | hypothèse              |
| <b>assumption (n)</b>    | supposition, hypothèse |
| <b>indication (n)</b>    | indication, signe      |
| <b>symptom (n)</b>       | symptôme, signe        |
| <b>trait (n)</b>         | trait, caractéristique |
| <b>faculty (n)</b>       | faculté, aptitude      |
| <b>plausible (adj)</b>   | plausible              |
| <b>perceptive (adj)</b>  | perspicace             |
| <b>discernible (adj)</b> | perceptible, visible   |

## Groupe 3

### Mots à apprendre

| Mot                     | Sens                                         | Équivalent F                      | Exemple                                                 |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>to divine (v)</b>    | to discover or guess by insight              | deviner, pressentir, conjecturer  | <i>She tries to divine the creature's next move.</i>    |
| <b>unearthly (adj)</b>  | unnatural and strange; superhuman            | surnaturel, d'un autre monde      | <i>The alien moves with an unearthly, fluid grace.</i>  |
| <b>putative (adj)</b>   | generally supposed to be; assumed            | préssumé, supposé                 | <i>The putative rescue ship never appears.</i>          |
| <b>acumen (n)</b>       | sharp, practical insight                     | perspicacité, flair               | <i>Ripley's tactical acumen keeps them alive.</i>       |
| <b>cunning (n)</b>      | cleverness in deceiving or achieving an aim  | ruse, astuce, finesse             | <i>The creature hunts with animal cunning.</i>          |
| <b>credence (n)</b>     | belief that something is true                | crédit, foi (accordée)            | <i>No one gave credence to her warnings.</i>            |
| <b>protean (adj)</b>    | able to change or adapt readily              | protéiforme, changeant            | <i>The species proves protean and hard to predict.</i>  |
| <b>to espy (v)</b>      | to catch sight of                            | apercevoir, repérer               | <i>Through the smoke she espies a hatch.</i>            |
| <b>damning (adj)</b>    | strongly showing guilt or fault              | accablant, écrasant               | <i>The chewed cables are damning evidence.</i>          |
| <b>abstruse (adj)</b>   | hard to understand; obscure                  | abscons, obscur                   | <i>The alien's biology remains abstruse.</i>            |
| <b>stealthy (adj)</b>   | moving quietly and secretly                  | furtif, discret                   | <i>A stealthy predator, it strikes without a sound.</i> |
| <b>moot (adj)</b>       | open to debate; of no practical use now      | discutable, théorique, sans objet | <i>Whether to wait is now a moot point.</i>             |
| <b>eagle-eyed (adj)</b> | very observant; quick to notice              | qui a l'œil vif, observateur      | <i>An eagle-eyed marine spots the trap wire.</i>        |
| <b>savvy (n)</b>        | practical knowledge or know-how              | savoir-faire, juteote             | <i>Her survival savvy is second to none.</i>            |
| <b>foolproof (adj)</b>  | certain to succeed; incapable of going wrong | infaillible, à toute épreuve      | <i>There is no foolproof plan against the queen.</i>    |

### Expressions

| Expression                   | Sens                                                                 | Exemple                                               |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>to have a sixth sense</b> | to sense things others cannot — avoir un sixième sens                | <i>Ripley seems to have a sixth sense for danger.</i> |
| <b>by all accounts</b>       | according to what everyone says — d'après tout le monde, semble-t-il | <i>By all accounts, the colony fell in days.</i>      |
| <b>to smell a rat</b>        | to suspect something is wrong — flairer quelque chose de louche      | <i>Ripley smells a rat in the company's orders.</i>   |

## Mots à reconnaître

| Mot                       | Sens                        |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>perspicacity (n)</b>   | perspicacité                |
| <b>sagacity (n)</b>       | sagacité                    |
| <b>discernment (n)</b>    | discernement                |
| <b>cognition (n)</b>      | cognition                   |
| <b>premise (n)</b>        | prémisse                    |
| <b>corroboration (n)</b>  | corroboration, confirmation |
| <b>plausibility (n)</b>   | plausibilité                |
| <b>feasibility (n)</b>    | faisabilité                 |
| <b>perceptiveness (n)</b> | perspicacité                |
| <b>shrewdness (n)</b>     | perspicacité, finesse       |
| <b>astuteness (n)</b>     | astuce, finesse             |
| <b>incisiveness (n)</b>   | caractère incisif           |
| <b>percipience (n)</b>    | perspicacité, clairvoyance  |
| <b>ratiocination (n)</b>  | raisonnement                |
| <b>supposition (n)</b>    | supposition                 |