

Vocabulaire 2-19

Groupe 1

Mots à apprendre

Mot	Sens	Équivalent	Exemple
to wish (v)	to want something that may not be possible	souhaiter, désirer	<i>Eliza wishes she could live in a fine house.</i>
to long for (v)	to want something very much	aspirer à, désirer ardemment	<i>She longs for a warmer, kinder life.</i>
cosy (adj)	warm, comfortable and sheltered	douillet, confortable	<i>If she were rich, she'd have a cosy room of her own.</i>
daydream (n)	pleasant thoughts that distract from the present	rêverie, rêvasserie	<i>Her daydream is full of silk and warmth.</i>
wealthy (adj)	having a lot of money	riche, fortuné	<i>If she were wealthy, no one would mock her.</i>
to crave (v)	to want something very strongly	avoir très envie de	<i>She craves a little comfort after the cold streets.</i>
warm (adj)	at a pleasant, comfortable temperature	chaud, chaleureux	<i>She dreams of warm hands and a warm fire.</i>
lovely (adj)	very pleasant or beautiful	charmant, ravissant	<i>Wouldn't it be lovely to be a real lady?</i>
to spoil (v)	to treat someone with great kindness or luxury	gâter, choyer	<i>If she had money, she would spoil herself rotten.</i>
carefree (adj)	free from worry	insouciant, sans souci	<i>She pictures a carefree life among the rich.</i>
to afford (v)	to have enough money for something	pouvoir se permettre	<i>If Higgins paid her, she could afford fine clothes.</i>
ease (n)	comfort and freedom from hardship	aisance, bien-être	<i>She imagines a life of ease and quiet.</i>
to picture (v)	to imagine; to see in the mind	s'imaginer, se représenter	<i>She pictures herself gliding through a ballroom.</i>
fortunate (adj)	lucky	chanceux, qui a de la chance	<i>How fortunate the idle rich seem to her.</i>
to treasure (v)	to value greatly; to cherish	chérir, tenir précieusement à	<i>She would treasure a single kind word.</i>

Expressions

Expression	Sens	Exemple
if only	a phrase expressing a strong wish or regret — si seulement	<i>If only I were a lady, she sighs.</i>
to wish upon a star	to make a hopeful wish — faire un vœu (en regardant une étoile)	<i>Like a child, she wishes upon a star.</i>
a life of luxury	a very comfortable, rich way of living — une vie de luxe	<i>She dreams of a life of luxury.</i>

Mots à reconnaître

Mot	Sens
dream (n)	rêve
imagination (n)	imagination
fantasy (n)	fantasme, imaginaire
desire (n)	désir
comfort (n)	confort, réconfort
luxury (n)	luxe
happy (adj)	heureux
peaceful (adj)	paisible
gentle (adj)	doux
soft (adj)	doux, moelleux
sweet (adj)	doux, agréable
free (adj)	libre
content (adj)	satisfait, content
pleasant (adj)	agréable
delightful (adj)	délicieux, charmant

Groupe 2

Mots à apprendre

Mot	Sens	Équivalent	Exemple
to hanker (v)	to long for something persistently	avoir envie de, soupirer après	<i>She hankers after the easy life of the rich.</i>
wishful (adj)	based on wishes rather than reality	chimérique, plein d'illusions	<i>Becoming a duchess may be just wishful thinking.</i>
to muse (v)	to think about something dreamily	songer, méditer, rêvasser	<i>She muses on what her life could have been.</i>
to begrudge (v)	to envy someone something; to give unwillingly	envier (qqch à qqn)	<i>She does not begrudge the rich their comfort — much.</i>
plush (adj)	luxurious and expensive	luxueux, cossu, moelleux	<i>If she were wealthy, she'd live in a plush flat.</i>
bliss (n)	perfect happiness	félicité, bonheur parfait	<i>A warm bath would be pure bliss to her.</i>
far-fetched (adj)	unlikely; hard to believe	tiré par les cheveux, invraisemblable	<i>Her grandest dreams seem far-fetched.</i>
starry-eyed (adj)	naively idealistic and full of dreams	naïf, idéaliste	<i>She is starry-eyed about high society.</i>
to better (v)	to improve (especially one's position)	améliorer (sa condition)	<i>She longs to better herself and rise in the world.</i>
to pamper (v)	to treat with great care and luxury	choyer, dorloter	<i>If she were rich, servants would pamper her all day.</i>
to pine (v)	to long painfully for something	languir, se languir	<i>She pines for a world that would respect her.</i>
rosy (adj)	hopeful; idealised and optimistic	rose, optimiste, idéalisé	<i>She paints a rosy picture of her future.</i>
well-to-do (adj)	fairly wealthy	aisé, fortuné, à l'aise	<i>She imagines herself a well-to-do lady.</i>
make-believe (adj)	imaginary; pretended	imaginaire, de fiction	<i>For one night, she lives a make-believe life.</i>
whim (n)	a sudden, casual wish or fancy	caprice, lubie, fantaisie	<i>The rich, she thinks, can follow every whim.</i>

Expressions

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to build castles in the air	to make plans unlikely to happen — bâtir des châteaux en Espagne	<i>Eliza loves to build castles in the air.</i>
the grass is always greener	other lives seem better than your own — l'herbe est toujours plus verte ailleurs	<i>She forgets the grass is always greener.</i>
to live the dream	to achieve the ideal life one hoped for — vivre son rêve	<i>For one evening, she lives the dream.</i>

Mots à reconnaître

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aspiration (n)	aspiration
ambition (n)	ambition
reverie (n)	rêverie
longing (n)	désir, nostalgie
idyll (n)	idylle
paradise (n)	paradis
utopia (n)	utopie
contentment (n)	contentement
opulence (n)	opulence
splendour (n)	splendeur
grandeur (n)	grandeur, magnificence
indulgence (n)	indulgence, complaisance
wishfulness (n)	caractère chimérique
idealism (n)	idéisme
escapism (n)	évasion (du réel)

Groupe 3

Mots à apprendre

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to repine (v)	to long discontentedly; to complain	se languir, se lamenter	<i>It does her no good to repine for a vanished past.</i>
quixotic (adj)	idealistic and impractical	chimérique, donquichottesque	<i>Higgins's plan is bold and almost quixotic.</i>
woolgathering (n)	aimless daydreaming	rêvasserie, distraction	<i>Her endless woolgathering annoys the professor.</i>
affluence (n)	the state of having much money	aisance, richesse, prospérité	<i>She dreams of comfort and quiet affluence.</i>
thirst (n)	a strong desire for something	soif (de), désir ardent	<i>She has a deep thirst for a better life.</i>
to wallow (v)	to indulge oneself in an emotion or state	se vautrer, se complaire (in)	<i>She must not wallow in self-pity.</i>
halcyon (adj)	peaceful, happy and idyllic	paisible, idyllique, heureux	<i>She imagines halcyon days of peace and plenty.</i>
dewy-eyed (adj)	naively sentimental and idealistic	naïf, sentimental	<i>She is dewy-eyed about love and luxury.</i>
rarefied (adj)	belonging to a select, exclusive world	raréfié, très select, élitiste	<i>She longs to enter that rarefied world.</i>
to hunger (v)	to have a strong desire for	avoir faim de, désirer ardemment	<i>She hungers for respect more than for riches.</i>
wispy (adj)	thin, faint and insubstantial	ténu, vaporeux, fragile	<i>Her wispy hopes seem to fade in daylight.</i>
trappings (n)	the outward signs of a status or role	attributs, signes extérieurs, appareil	<i>She covets the trappings of wealth.</i>
figment (n)	something invented or imagined	invention, produit de l'imagination	<i>Her 'noble blood' is a figment of fancy.</i>
balmy (adj)	pleasantly warm and mild	doux, embaumé, agréable	<i>She pictures balmy evenings in a fine garden.</i>
pipe dream (n)	an unrealistic hope or fantasy	chimère, doux rêve, illusion	<i>A flower-girl as a duchess — a pipe dream?</i>

Expressions

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to have one's head in the clouds	to be lost in unrealistic daydreams — avoir la tête dans les nuages	<i>Eliza often has her head in the clouds.</i>
pie in the sky	a pleasant hope that is very unlikely — château en Espagne, promesse en l'air	<i>His grand promises are pie in the sky.</i>
to want for nothing	to have everything one needs — ne manquer de rien	<i>In her dream, she wants for nothing.</i>

Mots à reconnaître

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wish-fulfilment (n)	réalisation d'un désir
fantasia (n)	fantaisie, rêverie
phantasm (n)	fantasme, chimère
chimera (n)	chimère, illusion
mirage (n)	mirage
elysium (n)	Élysée, paradis
arcadia (n)	arcadie, paradis bucolique
nirvana (n)	nirvana
beatitude (n)	béatitude
sumptuousness (n)	somptuosité
magnificence (n)	magnificence
decadence (n)	décadence
hedonism (n)	hédonisme
sybarite (n)	sybarite, jouisseur
daydreamer (n)	rêveur, songe-creux