

Vocabulaire 2-2

Groupe 1

Mots à apprendre

Mot	Sens	Équivalent	Exemple
to wonder (v)	to ask yourself; to be curious about	se demander	<i>Coraline wonders what lies behind the locked door.</i>
nosy (adj)	too interested in other people's business	curieux, fouineur	<i>The nosy girl listens at every door.</i>
to guess (v)	to give an answer without being sure	deviner	<i>Can you guess what the riddle means?</i>
clue (n)	a piece of information that helps solve a mystery	indice	<i>She finds a clue hidden under the floor.</i>
riddle (n)	a puzzling question with a clever answer	énigme, devinette	<i>The cat speaks only in riddles.</i>
to lie (v)	to say something you know is untrue	mentir	<i>Does the Other Mother lie about everything?</i>
to pretend (v)	to act as if something is true when it is not	faire semblant	<i>She pretends to be asleep and watches.</i>
to whisper (v)	to speak very softly	chuchoter	<i>They whisper so that no one can hear.</i>
to deny (v)	to say that something is not true	nier	<i>He denies taking the missing key.</i>
weird (adj)	strange and hard to explain	bizarre, étrange	<i>Something weird is going on in this house.</i>
to stare (v)	to look at someone for a long time	fixer (du regard)	<i>Why do the dolls stare at her?</i>
to notice (v)	to become aware of something	remarquer	<i>Did you notice the door is open again?</i>
to figure out (v)	to understand or solve something	comprendre, deviner	<i>She can't figure out who is lying.</i>
to spy (v)	to watch people secretly	espionner	<i>He spies on them through the keyhole.</i>
to overhear (v)	to hear something you were not meant to hear	entendre par hasard	<i>Coraline overhears a strange conversation.</i>

Expressions

Expression	Sens	Exemple
to be dying to know	to be extremely curious to find out — mourir d'envie de savoir	<i>Coraline is dying to know what's behind the door.</i>
to smell a rat	to sense that something is wrong — flairer quelque chose de louche	<i>When the smiles seem too perfect, she smells a rat.</i>
to keep something to yourself	to not tell anyone a secret — garder qch pour soi	<i>Keep what you saw to yourself for now.</i>

Mots à reconnaître

Mot	Sens
strange (adj)	étrange, bizarre
to hide (v)	(se) cacher
to find out (v)	découvrir, apprendre
to seek (v)	chercher, rechercher
hidden (adj)	caché, dissimulé
to sneak (v)	se faufiler
to follow (v)	suivre
to trick (v)	tromper, duper
liar (n)	menteur
truth (n)	vérité
to peep (v)	jeter un coup d'œil furtif
suspicious (adj)	méfiant ; suspect
curious (adj)	curieux
nervous (adj)	nerveux, anxieux
shadow (n)	ombre

Groupe 2

Mots à apprendre

Mot	Sens	Équivalent	Exemple
to enquire (v)	to ask for information	se renseigner, s'enquérir	<i>She enquires about the children who vanished.</i>
inquisitive (adj)	eager to learn or know; curious	curieux, fouineur	<i>An inquisitive child asks endless questions.</i>
to ponder (v)	to think carefully about something	réfléchir, méditer	<i>Coraline ponders whether to trust the cat.</i>
hunch (n)	a feeling that something is true without proof	intuition, pressentiment	<i>She has a hunch that the door is dangerous.</i>
to eavesdrop (v)	to listen secretly to others	écouter aux portes	<i>He eavesdrops on the muffled argument.</i>
elusive (adj)	hard to find, catch or understand	insaisissable, évasif	<i>The truth here is strangely elusive.</i>
to query (v)	to question or express doubt about something	mettre en doute, questionner	<i>Coraline queries every promise she is given.</i>
baffled (adj)	confused; unable to understand	déconcerté, perplexe	<i>She is baffled by the endless corridors.</i>
to conceal (v)	to hide something carefully	dissimuler, cacher	<i>What is the Other Mother trying to conceal?</i>
wary (adj)	careful because of possible danger	méfiant, prudent	<i>Be wary of anything that seems too kind.</i>
to probe (v)	to ask searching questions; to investigate	sonder, fouiller	<i>Detectives probe the family's strange story.</i>
uneasy (adj)	slightly worried or uncomfortable	mal à l'aise, inquiet	<i>The silence makes her feel uneasy.</i>
to deceive (v)	to make someone believe something untrue	tromper, duper	<i>Don't let the cosy rooms deceive you.</i>
to dismiss (v)	to refuse to consider an idea	écarter, rejeter	<i>He dismisses her fears as childish.</i>
to withhold (v)	to refuse to give or tell something	retenir, taire	<i>The Other Mother withholds the whole truth.</i>

Expressions

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to get to the bottom of something	to discover the real truth or cause — tirer qch au clair	<i>She is determined to get to the bottom of the mystery.</i>
to take something with a pinch of salt	to not fully believe something — prendre qch avec des réserves	<i>Take the Other Mother's promises with a pinch of salt.</i>
to be in the dark	to know nothing about something — être dans l'ignorance	<i>Her parents are completely in the dark.</i>

Mots à reconnaître

Mot	Sens
suspicion (n)	soupçon, méfiance
to investigate (v)	enquêter, examiner
motive (n)	mobile, motivation
to mutter (v)	marmonner
to murmur (v)	murmurer
evasive (adj)	évasif, fuyant
doubtful (adj)	douteux ; sceptique
mysterious (adj)	mystérieux
to lurk (v)	se tapir, rôder
to glance (v)	jeter un coup d'œil
puzzled (adj)	perplexe, intrigué
to confront (v)	affronter, confronter
bewildered (adj)	désorienté
to question (v)	interroger, mettre en doute
clueless (adj)	qui n'a aucune idée

Groupe 3

Mots à apprendre

Mot	Sens	Équivalent	Exemple
surreptitious (adj)	done secretly to avoid notice	subreptice, furtif	<i>She takes a surreptitious look through the keyhole.</i>
to surmise (v)	to guess from limited evidence	conjecturer, supposer	<i>Coraline surmises that the cat knows the way out.</i>
inscrutable (adj)	impossible to read or understand	impénétrable, indéchiffrable	<i>The Other Mother wears an inscrutable smile.</i>
to belie (v)	to contradict or disguise the truth of	démentir, contredire	<i>Her sweet voice belies a cruel intent.</i>
veiled (adj)	partly hidden; not openly stated	voilé, déguisé	<i>His answer carried a veiled threat.</i>
nagging (adj)	persistent and worrying	lancinant, tenace	<i>A nagging doubt keeps Coraline awake.</i>
dubious (adj)	doubtful; not to be trusted	douteux, suspect	<i>The whole offer seems dubious.</i>
to glean (v)	to gather information bit by bit	glaner, recueillir	<i>She gleanes the truth from scattered hints.</i>
guarded (adj)	cautious; not revealing much	sur la réserve, évasif	<i>The cat gives only guarded answers.</i>
to pore over (v)	to study or examine closely	étudier attentivement	<i>Coraline pores over the old photographs.</i>
misgiving (n)	a feeling of doubt or worry	appréhension, doute	<i>She ignores her misgivings and steps through.</i>
to fathom (v)	to understand something difficult	comprendre, sonder	<i>No one can fathom how the door works.</i>
to second-guess (v)	to question a decision afterwards	remettre en question	<i>She begins to second-guess every choice.</i>
wily (adj)	clever in a cunning way	rusé, malin	<i>The wily creature evades every question.</i>
to confound (v)	to confuse or baffle	déconcerter, confondre	<i>The shifting rooms confound her completely.</i>

Expressions

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to leave no stone unturned	to search everywhere and try everything — remuer ciel et terre	<i>She leaves no stone unturned in her search for a way home.</i>
to cast doubt on something	to make people question something — jeter le doute sur	<i>The cat's warning casts doubt on the Other Mother's words.</i>
there's more than meets the eye	the situation is more complex than it appears — il y a anguille sous roche	<i>With this cheerful house, there's more than meets the eye.</i>

Mots à reconnaître

Mot	Sens (anglais — français)
clandestine (adj)	clandestin, secret
covert (adj)	secret, dissimulé
qualm (n)	scrupule, appréhension
to dupe (v)	duper, bernier
guile (n)	ruse, fourberie
to feign (v)	feindre, simuler
to insinuate (v)	insinuer, sous-entendre
to snoop (v)	fouiner, fureter
inkling (n)	vague idée, soupçon
sleuth (n)	limier, détective
to ferret out (v)	dénicher, débusquer
evasion (n)	dérobade, esquive
wiles (n)	ruses, stratagèmes
to scrutinise (v)	scruter, examiner
furtively (adv)	furtivement, à la dérobée