

Vocabulaire 2-21

Groupe 1

Mots à apprendre

Mot	Sens	Équivalent	Exemple
to dread (v)	to fear something greatly (+ -ing)	redouter, appréhender	<i>Every night, Amelia comes to dread going upstairs.</i>
to avoid (v)	to keep away from (+ -ing)	éviter	<i>She tries hard to avoid sleeping in the dark house.</i>
to keep (v)	to continue doing (+ -ing)	continuer à, ne pas cesser de	<i>The dreadful book keeps coming back, no matter what.</i>
to dare (v)	to be brave enough to (+ to)	oser	<i>Samuel does not dare to look under the bed.</i>
to battle (v)	to fight or struggle (+ to)	lutter pour, se battre pour	<i>Amelia must battle to stay awake all night.</i>
to swear (v)	to promise solemnly (+ to)	jurer de	<i>She swears to protect her son from the creature.</i>
fright (n)	a sudden feeling of fear	frayeur, peur soudaine	<i>Samuel wakes in the night in pure fright.</i>
murk (n)	darkness; gloom	obscurité, ténèbres	<i>Something moves in the murk of the hallway.</i>
chilling (adj)	frightening in a cold, sinister way	glaçant, terrifiant	<i>A chilling voice whispers her name.</i>
fiendish (adj)	extremely cruel or wicked	diabolique, démoniaque	<i>The pop-up book hides a fiendish creature.</i>
to cower (v)	to crouch down in fear	se recroqueviller, se tapir (de peur)	<i>The boy cowers beneath his thin blanket.</i>
rasp (n)	a harsh, grating sound or voice	voix rauque, raclement	<i>The Babadook speaks in a low, ugly rasp.</i>
thud (n)	a dull, heavy sound	bruit sourd, choc	<i>A heavy thud echoes from the empty room.</i>
frazzled (adj)	worn out and on edge	à bout de nerfs, lessivé	<i>Weeks without sleep leave Amelia frazzled.</i>
grief (n)	deep sorrow, especially after a death	chagrin, deuil, peine	<i>The monster is really her buried grief for her husband.</i>

Expressions

Expression	Sens	Exemple
to scare someone to death	to frighten them very badly — faire une peur bleue à qqn	<i>The noise scared her to death.</i>
to give someone the creeps	to make someone feel uneasy and frightened — donner la chair de poule à qqn	<i>The old book gives her the creeps.</i>
to jump out of one's skin	to be suddenly very startled — sursauter violemment	<i>She jumped out of her skin at the knock.</i>

Mots à reconnaître

Mot	Sens
scared (adj)	effrayé, apeuré
afraid (adj)	effrayé, qui a peur
monster (n)	monstre
nightmare (n)	cauchemar
dark (n)	obscurité, noir
scream (n)	cri, hurlement
terror (n)	terreur
ghost (n)	fantôme
creak (n)	grincement
panic (n)	panique
to tremble (v)	trembler
chill (n)	frisson, froid
gloom (n)	obscurité, pénombre
to shiver (v)	frissonner
to startle (v)	faire sursauter

Groupe 2

Mots à apprendre

Mot	Sens	Équivalent	Exemple
to stand (v)	to bear or tolerate (can't stand + -ing)	supporter (can't stand)	<i>She cannot stand being alone after dark.</i>
to loathe (v)	to hate intensely (+ -ing)	détester, abhorrer	<i>She loathes being watched by the unseen thing.</i>
to resent (v)	to feel bitter about (+ -ing)	en vouloir de, supporter mal	<i>She bitterly resents being trapped in the house.</i>
to scramble (v)	to move or act in a hurry (+ to)	se précipiter (pour), s'empresser de	<i>When the lights fail, she scrambles to find Samuel.</i>
to threaten (v)	to state an intention to harm (+ to)	menacer (de)	<i>The creature threatens to take her child.</i>
to vow (v)	to swear solemnly (+ to)	jurer de, faire le vœu de	<i>Amelia vows to destroy the dreadful book.</i>
unease (n)	a feeling of anxiety or discomfort	malaise, inquiétude sourde	<i>A creeping unease fills every room.</i>
eerie (adj)	strange and frightening	étrange, inquiétant, sinistre	<i>An eerie silence hangs over the house.</i>
to lurch (v)	to move suddenly and unsteadily	tituber, avancer par à-coups	<i>The tall figure lurches toward her in the dark.</i>
to fester (v)	to grow worse while hidden	couver, s'envenimer	<i>Her unspoken grief festers for years.</i>
wan (adj)	pale and sickly	blême, blafard	<i>Her wan, sleepless face frightens her son.</i>
ghastly (adj)	horrifying; deathly pale	horrible, effroyable, blafard	<i>The thing has a ghastly, grinning mouth.</i>
dishevelled (adj)	untidy; in disarray	échevelé, débraillé	<i>Amelia grows dishevelled and wild-eyed.</i>
turmoil (n)	a state of great disturbance	tourmente, bouleversement	<i>Her mind sinks into deeper turmoil each night.</i>
sleepless (adj)	without sleep	sans sommeil, d'insomnie	<i>After many sleepless nights, she starts to crack.</i>

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to send shivers down one's spine	to cause a sudden feeling of fear — donner des frissons dans le dos	<i>The whisper sent shivers down her spine.</i>
to keep someone up at night	to stop someone sleeping with worry — empêcher qqn de dormir	<i>The fear keeps her up at night.</i>
to be at one's wit's end	to feel desperate, with no idea what to do — être au bout du rouleau	<i>Exhausted, she is at her wit's end.</i>

Mots à reconnaître

Mot	Sens
terror (n)	terreur
horror (n)	horreur, effroi
apprehension (n)	appréhension
trepidation (n)	vive inquiétude
disquiet (n)	inquiétude, trouble
malaise (n)	malaise
phantom (n)	fantôme, spectre
apparition (n)	apparition
spectre (n)	spectre
wraith (n)	spectre, apparition
poltergeist (n)	esprit frappeur
premonition (n)	prémonition
omen (n)	présage, augure
nightmarish (adj)	cauchemardesque
haunting (adj)	obsédant, envoûtant

Groupe 3

Mots à apprendre

Mot	Sens	Équivalent	Exemple
to forbear (v)	to hold back from doing (+ -ing)	s'abstenir de, se garder de	<i>She can scarcely forbear screaming at the sight.</i>
to eschew (v)	to deliberately avoid (+ -ing)	éviter, fuir, s'abstenir de	<i>Dreading her dreams, she eschews sleeping at all.</i>
to relish (v)	to take great pleasure in (+ -ing)	savourer, se délecter de	<i>The baneful creature seems to relish tormenting them.</i>
to strive (v)	to make great efforts (+ to)	s'efforcer de, lutter pour	<i>Amelia must strive to keep her sanity.</i>
to labour (v)	to work hard or with difficulty (+ to)	peiner à, s'évertuer à	<i>She labours to convince others that it is real.</i>
to venture (v)	to dare to do something risky (+ to)	oser, se risquer à	<i>No one dares venture to open the cellar door.</i>
pall (n)	a dark covering of gloom or dread	voile sombre, chape (d'angoisse)	<i>A pall of dread hangs over the household.</i>
eldritch (adj)	weird and sinister; unearthly	surnaturel, sinistre, d'outre-tombe	<i>An eldritch shape rises in the doorway.</i>
shadowy (adj)	dark, dim and indistinct	sombre, ténébreux, vague	<i>A shadowy figure looms at the foot of the bed.</i>
baneful (adj)	harmful; destructive	funeste, pernicieux, néfaste	<i>The creature's baneful presence poisons the house.</i>
sunken (adj)	hollow and deep-set (eyes/cheeks)	creux, cave, cerné	<i>Her sunken eyes betray weeks without rest.</i>
creeping (adj)	developing slowly and insidiously	insidieux, sournois, qui s'insinue	<i>A creeping dread takes hold of her mind.</i>
haggard (adj)	looking exhausted and unwell	hagard, défait, exténué	<i>Sleepless and haggard, she barely speaks.</i>
unhinged (adj)	mentally unbalanced	déséquilibré, dérangé	<i>Slowly, Amelia becomes dangerously unhinged.</i>
all-consuming (adj)	dominating completely	dévorant, qui consume tout	<i>Her all-consuming grief becomes a monster.</i>

Expressions

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to be scared out of one's wits	to be extremely frightened — être mort de peur	<i>She was scared out of her wits.</i>
a fate worse than death	an outcome thought to be terrible — un sort pire que la mort	<i>Losing her son is a fate worse than death.</i>
to haunt one's every waking hour	to trouble someone constantly — hanter chaque instant	<i>The dread haunts her every waking hour.</i>

Mots à reconnaître

Mot	Sens
malevolence (n)	malveillance
malignancy (n)	malignité, malveillance
portent (n)	présage, signe
harbinger (n)	signe avant-coureur, présage
revenant (n)	revenant, fantôme
bogeyman (n)	croque-mitaine
manifestation (n)	manifestation
possession (n)	possession
derangement (n)	dérangement (mental), folie
hysteria (n)	hystérie
paranoia (n)	paranoïa
dissociation (n)	dissociation
foreboding (n)	pressentiment (funeste)
dreadfulness (n)	caractère épouvantable
ghouliness (n)	morbidité, caractère macabre