

Vocabulaire 2-4

Groupe 1

Mots à apprendre

Mot	Sens	Équivalent	Exemple
cellar (n)	an underground room, often for storage	cave	<i>There is a damp cellar under the old house.</i>
well (n)	a deep hole dug to reach water	puits	<i>An old well sits hidden in the long grass.</i>
burrow (n)	a hole or tunnel dug by an animal	terrier, galerie	<i>A small burrow runs beneath the garden wall.</i>
gate (n)	a door in a fence or wall	portail, grille	<i>The garden gate hangs open, creaking in the wind.</i>
yard (n)	an area of ground next to a building	cour, jardin	<i>Broken toys lie scattered across the back yard.</i>
ceiling (n)	the top inner surface of a room	plafond	<i>Cracks spread slowly across the bedroom ceiling.</i>
corner (n)	the place where two walls or edges meet	coin, angle	<i>Something is waiting in the far corner of the room.</i>
edge (n)	the outer limit of something	bord, bordure	<i>She stands at the edge of the dark tunnel.</i>
path (n)	a narrow way to walk along	sentier, chemin	<i>A narrow path winds toward the empty house.</i>
ground (n)	the surface of the earth	sol, terre	<i>Cold mist hangs close to the ground.</i>
gap (n)	an empty space or opening	espace, interstice	<i>There is a gap in the wall big enough to crawl through.</i>
shed (n)	a small wooden building for storage	cabane, remise	<i>Rusty tools hang inside the old garden shed.</i>
doorstep (n)	the step in front of an outside door	pas de la porte	<i>A black cat waits on the doorstep every morning.</i>
crooked (adj)	bent or twisted; not straight	de travers, tordu	<i>The crooked little house leans to one side.</i>
narrow (adj)	small from side to side	étroit	<i>A narrow staircase leads down into the dark.</i>

Expressions

Expression	Sens	Exemple
in the middle of nowhere	in a place far from anything else — au milieu de nulle part	<i>The house stands in the middle of nowhere.</i>
a stone's throw away	very close by — à deux pas, tout près	<i>The well is just a stone's throw away from the door.</i>
out in the open	in a place where everyone can see — à découvert, au grand jour	<i>She dares not cross the garden out in the open.</i>

Mots à reconnaître

Mot	Sens
wall (n)	mur
floor (n)	sol, plancher
roof (n)	toit
step (n)	marche
garden (n)	jardin
pond (n)	mare, bassin
hedge (n)	haie
lawn (n)	pelouse
cupboard (n)	placard
beneath (prep)	sous, en dessous de
beyond (prep)	au-delà de
nearby (adv)	à proximité, tout près
upstairs (adv)	à l'étage, en haut
downstairs (adv)	en bas
rooftop (n)	toit, sommet du toit

Groupe 2

Mots à apprendre

Mot	Sens	Équivalent	Exemple (
archway (n)	a curved opening or passage	arche, voûte	<i>Beyond the hall there is a stone archway leading down.</i>
courtyard (n)	an open space enclosed by walls	cour intérieure	<i>There is a silent courtyard hidden behind the house.</i>
crevice (n)	a narrow crack or opening	fissure, crevasse	<i>A thin crevice runs along the cellar wall.</i>
clearing (n)	an open space within a wood	clairière	<i>There is a strange clearing in the middle of the wood.</i>
boundary (n)	a line marking the limit of an area	frontière, limite	<i>There is no fence to mark the boundary of the garden.</i>
maze (n)	a confusing network of paths	labyrinthe, dédale	<i>The corridors form a maze with no way out.</i>
cramped (adj)	too small and uncomfortable	exigu, à l'étroit	<i>There is a cramped cupboard beneath the stairs.</i>
hollow (n)	a small hole or sheltered dip	creux, cavité	<i>A small animal hides in a hollow beneath the roots.</i>
winding (adj)	curving and turning repeatedly	sinueux, en lacets	<i>There is a long, winding path through the mist.</i>
forbidding (adj)	looking unfriendly or threatening	rébarbatif, menaçant	<i>The house has a dark, forbidding look at night.</i>
sprawling (adj)	spreading out widely and untidily	tentaculaire, étendu	<i>There is a sprawling garden behind the Other house.</i>
nestled (adj)	settled snugly in a sheltered spot	niché, blotti	<i>The shed is nestled among the overgrown bushes.</i>
outskirts (n)	the outer parts of a town or area	périphérie, abords	<i>There is an old chapel on the outskirts of the town.</i>
brink (n)	the very edge of a steep place	bord, bordure	<i>She stands at the brink of a deep, dark drop.</i>
enclosed (adj)	shut in on all sides	clos, fermé	<i>There is an enclosed yard with high stone walls.</i>

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in the back of beyond	in a very remote place — au diable vauvert	<i>Their flat is in the back of beyond.</i>
to be hemmed in	to be surrounded with no room to move — être coincé, être enserré	<i>She feels hemmed in by the narrow walls.</i>
on the edge of	right at the border or point of — au bord de	<i>The house sits on the edge of a dark wood.</i>

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alley (n)	ruelle
loft (n)	grenier, comble
ledge (n)	rebord, corniche
rafters (n)	chevrons, poutres
beam (n)	poutre
corridor (n)	couloir
passageway (n)	passage, couloir
gable (n)	pignon
eaves (n)	avant-toit
porch (n)	porche
veranda (n)	véranda
landing (n)	palier
drainpipe (n)	tuyau de descente
gutter (n)	gouttière, caniveau
chimney (n)	cheminée

Groupe 3

Mots à apprendre

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chasm (n)	a deep crack or gap in the ground	gouffre, abîme	<i>There is a black chasm where the garden should end.</i>
void (n)	a completely empty space	vide, néant	<i>Beyond the last room there is only an empty void.</i>
circuitous (adj)	long and indirect; roundabout	détourné, sinueux	<i>There is a circuitous route through the winding halls.</i>
yawning (adj)	wide and deep, like an open mouth	béant	<i>A yawning hole opens in the cellar floor.</i>
derelict (adj)	abandoned and falling into ruin	abandonné, à l'abandon	<i>There is a derelict cottage at the end of the lane.</i>
airless (adj)	without fresh air; stuffy	sans air, confiné	<i>There is an airless little room with no windows.</i>
crawlspace (n)	a low, narrow space under a floor	vide sanitaire, espace réduit	<i>There is a narrow crawlspace beneath the floorboards.</i>
sheer (adj)	very steep, almost vertical	abrupt, à pic	<i>There is a sheer drop just beyond the broken fence.</i>
forsaken (adj)	abandoned and lonely	abandonné, délaissé	<i>There is a forsaken graveyard behind the church.</i>
boxed-in (adj)	shut in a tight space with no room	coincé, à l'étroit	<i>She feels boxed-in by the shrinking walls.</i>
ridge (n)	a long, narrow raised strip of land	crête, arête	<i>There is a low ridge of hills beyond the misty field.</i>
dank (adj)	unpleasantly damp, cold and dark	humide et froid	<i>There is a dank tunnel running below the house.</i>
den (n)	a hidden or secret shelter	antre, tanière	<i>There is a hidden den behind the cellar shelves.</i>
tract (n)	a large stretch of land	étendue (de terrain)	<i>There is a wide tract of dead land past the wall.</i>
godforsaken (adj)	remote, bleak and miserable	paumé, sinistre, perdu	<i>There is a godforsaken stretch of marsh nearby.</i>

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the bowels of the earth	deep underground — les entrailles de la terre	<i>The passage leads into the bowels of the earth.</i>
miles from anywhere	very remote and isolated — loin de tout	<i>The house stands miles from anywhere.</i>
tucked away	hidden in a quiet, out-of-the-way spot — niché, caché à l'écart	<i>There is a tiny door tucked away behind the wardrobe.</i>

Mots à reconnaître

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catacomb (n)	catacombe
crypt (n)	crypte
cloister (n)	cloître
parapet (n)	parapet
buttress (n)	contrefort, arc-boutant
turret (n)	tourelle
spire (n)	flèche (d'église)
nave (n)	nef
gargoyle (n)	gargouille
rampart (n)	rempart
moat (n)	douve, fossé
dungeon (n)	cachot, donjon
vault (n)	voûte ; caveau
undercroft (n)	crypte, cave voûtée
battlement (n)	créneau, rempart