

Vocabulaire 2-5

Groupe 1

Mots à apprendre

Mot	Sens	Équivalent	Exemple
flatmate (n)	a person you share a flat with	colocataire	<i>Viago leaves passive-aggressive notes for his flatmates.</i>
rent (n)	money paid regularly to live somewhere	loyer	<i>Nobody can remember when they last paid the rent.</i>
landlord (n)	a person who owns a property and rents it out	propriétaire (bailleur)	<i>The landlord has not visited the house for two hundred years.</i>
tenant (n)	a person who rents a home	locataire	<i>The vampires are the worst tenants in the city.</i>
bin (n)	a container for rubbish	poubelle	<i>An overflowing bin sits by the kitchen door.</i>
kettle (n)	a container used to boil water	bouilloire	<i>There is a dusty kettle that no one ever uses.</i>
broom (n)	a brush with a long handle for sweeping	balai	<i>Deacon dances around the cellar with a broom.</i>
jug (n)	a container with a handle for pouring liquids	pichet, cruche	<i>A cracked jug of old blood stands on the shelf.</i>
sink (n)	a basin with taps for washing	évier, lavabo	<i>Dirty dishes are piled high in the sink.</i>
tap (n)	a device that controls the flow of water	robinet	<i>The tap drips all night in the empty bathroom.</i>
dustpan (n)	a flat container for sweeping dirt into	pelle (à poussière)	<i>He sweeps the dust into a battered dustpan.</i>
blanket (n)	a thick cover used for warmth	couverture	<i>Viago folds the blanket neatly on the sofa.</i>
rota (n)	a list showing whose turn it is to do a task	roulement, planning (des tâches)	<i>They draw up a chore rota that no one follows.</i>
messy (adj)	untidy and dirty	en désordre, bordélique	<i>The living room is far too messy for guests.</i>
spotless (adj)	perfectly clean	impeccable, nickel	<i>Viago keeps the hallway spotless and tidy.</i>

Expressions

Expression	Sens	Exemple
to pull one's weight	to do your fair share of the work — faire sa part (du travail)	<i>Deacon never pulls his weight around the house.</i>
to get on like a house on fire	to get along extremely well — s'entendre à merveille	<i>At first, the new flatmates get on like a house on fire.</i>
a place of one's own	a home that belongs only to you — un endroit à soi	<i>Nick dreams of a place of his own.</i>

Mots à reconnaître

Mot	Sens
dishes (n)	vaisselle
laundry (n)	linge, lessive
fridge (n)	frigo
oven (n)	four
towel (n)	serviette
pillow (n)	oreiller
wardrobe (n)	armoire, penderie
doormat (n)	paillason
hoover (n)	aspirateur
mop (n)	serpillière
bucket (n)	seau
sponge (n)	éponge
couch (n)	canapé
plug (n)	prise ; bouchon
apron (n)	tablier

Groupe 2

Mots à apprendre

Mot	Sens	Équivalent	Exemple
lodger (n)	a person who pays to live in someone's home	locataire, pensionnaire	<i>A nervous human lodger rents the basement room.</i>
tenancy (n)	the right to live somewhere as a renter	location, bail	<i>Their tenancy agreement is older than most countries.</i>
upkeep (n)	the cost and work of keeping something in good order	entretien	<i>The upkeep of a 16th-century house is exhausting.</i>
grime (n)	thick, ingrained dirt	crasse, saleté	<i>Years of grime coat the kitchen window.</i>
squabble (n)	a noisy argument about something small	chamaille	<i>Another squabble breaks out over the washing-up.</i>
household (n)	all the people living together in one home	foyer, ménage	<i>Running a vampire household is harder than it looks.</i>
joint (adj)	shared between two or more people	commun, conjoint	<i>They open a joint account for the gas bill.</i>
knick-knack (n)	a small ornament of little value	biblot	<i>Viago's room is full of delicate knick-knacks.</i>
cutlery (n)	knives, forks and spoons	couverts	<i>There is never any clean cutlery in the drawer.</i>
crockery (n)	plates, cups and dishes	vaisselle	<i>Petyr smashes the crockery when he is hungry.</i>
worktop (n)	a flat kitchen surface for working on	plan de travail	<i>Something unspeakable is stuck to the worktop.</i>
grubby (adj)	rather dirty	sale, crasseux	<i>Deacon wears the same grubby shirt for decades.</i>
furnishings (n)	the furniture and fittings in a room	meubler, ameublement	<i>The furnishings have not changed since 1850.</i>
appliance (n)	a machine for a household task	appareil (électroménager)	<i>No one knows how to use a single modern appliance.</i>
poky (adj)	annoyingly small and cramped	exigu, riquiqui	<i>Nick is given a poky little room at the top.</i>

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to chip in	to contribute money or help — participer, mettre la main au portefeuille	<i>Everyone chips in for the electricity bill.</i>
under one roof	in the same house or building — sous le même toit	<i>Four vampires live under one roof.</i>
to let things slide	to allow things to get worse through neglect — laisser aller, négliger	<i>They let the cleaning slide for months.</i>

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skirting board (n)	plinthe
radiator (n)	radiateur
socket (n)	prise (de courant)
hob (n)	plaque de cuisson
pantry (n)	garde-manger
larder (n)	garde-manger, cellier
dresser (n)	vaisselier, commode
sideboard (n)	buffet
hamper (n)	panier (à linge)
clothesline (n)	corde à linge
peg (n)	pince à linge ; patère
recycling (n)	recyclage
doorbell (n)	sonnette
mantelpiece (n)	cheminée (manteau)
draining-board (n)	égouttoir

Groupe 3

Mots à apprendre

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freeloader (n)	a person who lives off others without paying	parasite, profiteur	<i>Petyr is a freeloader who never lifts a finger.</i>
rigmarole (n)	a long, complicated and pointless procedure	procédure compliquée, comédie	<i>Sorting out the bins becomes a nightly rigmarole.</i>
disrepair (n)	a poor condition caused by neglect	délabrement	<i>The grand old house has fallen into disrepair.</i>
filth (n)	disgusting dirt	crasse, saleté	<i>The kitchen is buried under sticky filth.</i>
tenement (n)	a large, often run-down rented building	immeuble (vétuste)	<i>They haunt a draughty tenement near the docks.</i>
bedsit (n)	a single rented room used for living and sleeping	studio, chambre meublée	<i>Nick used to live in a cramped student bedsit.</i>
fixtures (n)	things fixed permanently in a building	installations fixes	<i>The fixtures date back to the 1700s.</i>
interloper (n)	an unwanted person who intrudes	intrus	<i>The werewolves are treated as interlopers.</i>
thankless (adj)	unpleasant and unappreciated	ingrat	<i>Cleaning up after Petyr is a thankless task.</i>
fractious (adj)	irritable and quick to quarrel	irritable, grincheux	<i>Centuries together leave the flatmates fractious.</i>
paraphernalia (n)	a collection of odd bits and equipment	attirail, fourbi	<i>Deacon's room is full of dark paraphernalia.</i>
pristine (adj)	perfectly clean and untouched	immaculé, impeccable	<i>Viago keeps his coffin absolutely pristine.</i>
to skimp (v)	to spend too little on something	lésiner (sur)	<i>They skimp on heating to save money.</i>
abode (n)	the place where someone lives	demeure, résidence	<i>Welcome, says Viago, to our humble abode.</i>
encrusted (adj)	covered with a hard layer of something	incrusté, croûté	<i>The pots are encrusted with ancient grease.</i>

Expressions

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to live in each other's pockets	to spend almost all your time together — vivre dans les poches les uns des autres	<i>After 200 years, they live in each other's pockets.</i>
to go to pot	to fall into a poor, neglected state — partir à vau-l'eau, se dégrader	<i>Without Viago, the house would go to pot.</i>
to be house-proud	to care a lot about keeping your home clean and neat — être maniaque du ménage	<i>Viago is the only house-proud vampire of the four.</i>

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latch (n)	loquet
bolt (n)	verrou
valance (n)	cantonnière, volant de lit
pelmet (n)	lambrequin
antimacassar (n)	têtière (de fauteuil)
doily (n)	napperon
coaster (n)	dessous-de-verre
trivet (n)	dessous-de-plat
decanter (n)	carafe
candelabra (n)	candélabre
scullery (n)	arrière-cuisine
hearth (n)	âtre, foyer
mantel (n)	manteau de cheminée
ewer (n)	aiguière, broc
flagon (n)	pichet, cruche (à anse)