

Vocabulaire 2-8

Groupe 1

Mots à apprendre

Mot	Sens	Équivalent	Exemple
tale (n)	a story, especially an exciting one	conte, histoire	<i>Viago tells a sad tale of love lost long ago.</i>
to recall (v)	to remember something	se souvenir de	<i>He cannot recall the year he was turned.</i>
to happen (v)	to take place or occur	se passer, arriver	<i>Strange things happened in that old castle.</i>
to become (v)	to begin to be something (became)	devenir	<i>Deacon became a vampire in 1862.</i>
to grow up (v)	to develop from a child to an adult	grandir	<i>Vladislav grew up in a faraway land.</i>
to flee (v)	to run away from danger (fled)	fuir, s'enfuir	<i>They fled their homeland when the mobs came.</i>
to chase (v)	to run after someone to catch them	poursuivre	<i>Angry villagers once chased them with torches.</i>
to catch (v)	to capture someone or something (caught)	attraper, surprendre	<i>The hunters never managed to catch them.</i>
once (adv)	at a time in the past; formerly	autrefois, jadis	<i>Viago was once a nobleman in Europe.</i>
ago (adv)	in the past, measured from now	il y a (+ durée)	<i>He was turned over five hundred years ago.</i>
suddenly (adv)	quickly and unexpectedly	soudain, tout à coup	<i>Suddenly, the door of the crypt swung open.</i>
nightmare (n)	a frightening dream or experience	cauchemar	<i>His turning was a bloody nightmare.</i>
dreadful (adj)	very bad; causing fear or horror	affreux, épouvantable	<i>It was a dreadful night, full of screams.</i>
fond (adj)	loving; warmly remembered	tendre, affectueux	<i>He has fond memories of his human life.</i>
to warn (v)	to tell someone about a danger	avertir, prévenir	<i>An old witch warned him not to go out.</i>

Expressions

Expression	Sens	Exemple
once upon a time	a phrase used to begin a story — il était une fois	<i>Once upon a time, Viago lived in a grand castle.</i>
back in the day	in the past, some time ago — à l'époque, dans le temps	<i>Back in the day, they hunted in the forests.</i>
to make a long story short	to give a quick summary — bref, pour faire court	<i>To make a long story short, he ended up a vampire.</i>

Mots à reconnaître

Mot	Sens
story (n)	histoire, récit
event (n)	événement
adventure (n)	aventure
journey (n)	voyage, trajet
century (n)	siècle
decade (n)	décennie
former (adj)	ancien, précédent
ancient (adj)	ancien, antique
youth (n)	jeunesse
childhood (n)	enfance
alive (adj)	vivant, en vie
dead (adj)	mort
to remember (v)	se souvenir, se rappeler
to forget (v)	oublier
scary (adj)	effrayant

Groupe 2

Mots à apprendre

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to recount (v)	to tell a detailed account of events	raconter, relater	<i>Vladislav recounts his many ancient battles.</i>
recollection (n)	a memory of something	souvenir	<i>His recollection of that year is hazy.</i>
bygone (adj)	belonging to the past	révolu, d'antan	<i>He sighs for a bygone age of glory.</i>
to reminisce (v)	to talk or think fondly about the past	évoquer des souvenirs	<i>The vampires reminisce about old victims.</i>
to unfold (v)	to develop or be revealed gradually	se dérouler	<i>The strange story slowly unfolds on camera.</i>
eventful (adj)	full of interesting or important events	mouvementé, riche en événements	<i>The 17th century was an eventful one for them.</i>
ordeal (n)	a long, painful experience	épreuve, calvaire	<i>The long sea voyage was a real ordeal.</i>
mishap (n)	an unlucky accident	mésaventure, contretemps	<i>A small mishap turned him into a vampire.</i>
lifelong (adj)	lasting all of one's life	de toute une vie	<i>Deacon nursed a lifelong grudge.</i>
fateful (adj)	having important, often fatal, consequences	fatidique, décisif	<i>He recalls the fateful night he was bitten.</i>
to retell (v)	to tell a story again	raconter à nouveau, redire	<i>Viago loves to retell the same old stories.</i>
to wither (v)	to dry up, fade or decline	se faner, dépérir	<i>His human friends withered and died long ago.</i>
downfall (n)	a fall from power or success; ruin	chute, ruine	<i>Pride was the downfall of many a vampire.</i>
yearning (n)	a deep longing	désir ardent, nostalgie	<i>A deep yearning for his homeland remains.</i>
heyday (n)	the time of greatest success or vigour	apogée, âge d'or	<i>In his heyday, he ruled a whole region.</i>

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to look back on	to remember and reflect on the past — repenser à, se remémorer	<i>They look back on centuries of strange adventures.</i>
a blast from the past	something from long ago that suddenly reappears — un souvenir qui resurgit du passé	<i>An old enemy is a real blast from the past.</i>
the good old days	a happier, fondly remembered time in the past — le bon vieux temps	<i>Viago misses the good old days of grand balls.</i>

Mots à reconnaître

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saga (n)	saga
memoir (n)	mémoires
narrative (n)	récit, narration
narrator (n)	narrateur
episode (n)	épisode
escapade (n)	escapade, frasque
exploit (n)	exploit, prouesse
era (n)	ère, époque
epoch (n)	époque
legend (n)	légende
myth (n)	mythe
hindsight (n)	recul, rétrospective
to recollect (v)	se rappeler
account (n)	récit, version (des faits)
flashback (n)	retour en arrière

Groupe 3

Mots à apprendre

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to regale (v)	to entertain with stories or talk	régaler (d'anecdotes), captiver	<i>He regales the camera crew with gory anecdotes.</i>
rambling (adj)	long, confused and wandering	décousu, interminable	<i>His rambling story has no clear ending.</i>
remembrance (n)	the act of remembering; a memory	souvenir, commémoration	<i>They keep a strange remembrance of the dead.</i>
erstwhile (adj)	former; previous	d'autrefois, ancien	<i>He speaks of an erstwhile friend, now gone.</i>
yarn (n)	a long, often invented story	longue histoire, récit	<i>Vladislav spins a wild yarn about a dragon.</i>
garrulous (adj)	excessively talkative	loquace, bavard	<i>The garrulous old vampire never stops talking.</i>
to embroider (v)	to add invented details to a story	broder (sur un récit), enjoliver	<i>He embroiders every tale with new lies.</i>
hapless (adj)	unlucky	malchanceux, infortuné	<i>He recalls a hapless servant who met a sad end.</i>
ill-fated (adj)	destined to fail or end badly	malheureux, voué à l'échec	<i>He describes an ill-fated voyage to the New World.</i>
demise (n)	death or the end of something	disparition, décès	<i>He recounts the demise of his old master.</i>
to conjure (v)	to bring something to mind	évoquer, faire surgir	<i>The photograph conjures memories of his youth.</i>
wistful (adj)	sadly longing for the past	nostalgique, mélancolique	<i>He grows wistful when speaking of his mother.</i>
chequered (adj)	marked by changes of fortune; varied	mouvementé, en dents de scie	<i>Vladislav has a long and chequered past.</i>
annals (n)	historical records of events year by year	annales	<i>Their deeds are written in the annals of the night.</i>
to recede (v)	to move back or fade gradually	s'estomper, refluer	<i>The painful memories slowly recede with the years.</i>

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to spin a yarn	to tell a long, often exaggerated story — raconter une histoire à dormir debout	<i>Vladislav loves to spin a yarn for visitors.</i>
lost in the mists of time	so long ago that it is forgotten or unclear — perdu dans la nuit des temps	<i>His birth is lost in the mists of time.</i>
those were the days	that was a wonderful time in the past — c'était le bon temps	<i>Grand hunts and balls — those were the days.</i>

Mots à reconnaître

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lore (n)	traditions, savoir populaire
antiquity (n)	antiquité
yesteryear (n)	jadis, naguère
olden (adj)	d'antan (olden days)
time-honoured (adj)	consacré par l'usage, séculaire
storied (adj)	légendaire, célèbre
fabled (adj)	légendaire, fabuleux
recollection (n)	souvenir
reminiscent (adj)	qui rappelle, évocateur
nostalgic (adj)	nostalgique
evocative (adj)	évocateur
chronicle (n)	chronique
anecdotalage (n)	radotage, anecdotes de vieillesse
memoirist (n)	mémorialiste
retrospection (n)	rétrospection