

# ENGLISH VOCABULARY OVERVIEW from Conversation Class

A special mention on vocabulary

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## (PRESS) PHRASES

**The hub of events** : le fouillis des événements

**Hub** : centre, foyer (fig) :

**The hub station** : la station maitresse

**Spinning** = news manipulation : la manipulation

**A spin** : a trip in car,

**money spinner** : une mine d'or (fig)

**A spinner** : un compteur /

**the plane went into a spin** : partir en vrille

**Spinning** : un tour, essorage

**Popularity rating**

**Leanings, sympathies** = opinions

**A trend for ...**

**It's very trendy**

**To hit crisis point**

**A side-issue** : une consideration secondaire

**The back cover** : la 4<sup>e</sup> de couv

**At the front page of**

**To splash sth all over the front page** : **to issue, to release, to disclose**

**Media stunt** (coup) = **media hype** = **publicity** (battage médiatique), the media hype about

**A low blow** : un coup bas

**Cutting-edge** : trenchant /d'avant-garde, de pointe (**leading-edge**)

**On the cutting-edge of** : à la pointe de

**Breaking news** : info de dernière minute / that's breaking news ! 1ère nouvelle !

A burning issue = a hot issue = fiery, passionate

**Sensitiveness or sensitivity**: sensibilité, caractère délicat d'une question

A tricky issue : a thorny question = a trap = a loaded question

**Under the spotlight**

**Non-stop news** : l'info en continu

**Old new items** : la rubrique des chiens écrasés

**Fashionable** : l'air du temps

In the air : dans l'air

**outdoors**, in the open air : à l'air libre :

To fire shots in the air : tirer en l'air

**To pass or hand on the torch**

**To put a noose around one's neck** : se passer la corde au cou

**A sleight of hand** : un tour de passe-passe

To sit down to eat : passer à table

Passer prendre qn : to come and **collect sb** = to give a lift : raccompagner qn

**To drop sb somewhere** : déposer qn

**Common sense** : le bon sens

a common practice : une pratique courante

a standard model

to get on like : le courant passe (figurative meaning)

a power cut : une coupure de courant

**a power point = a plug** : une prise de courant

**draught** (brit), **draft** (US) : un courant d'air / à la pression (beer)

a middle trend : un courant modéré (figurative meaning)

a sea current : un courant marin

electric current

Critical sense

to keep up with : to keep o.s up to date : se tenir au courant

A way with words : sens de la formule

A mistranslation : un faux sens

To reach a stalemate : une impasse

To stand to reason, to be perfectly obvious

Sense of proportion : sens de la mesure

**to overwrite** : écraser des informations (computer)

mumbo jumbo : charabia, galimatias

a jumbled speech : enchevêtré

jumbling : mélangeant

a jumble shop : boutique de marchandises soldées

a jumble sale : une vente de charité

with difficulty : cahin caha

**a mick-mack jumble** = hurly-burly: tohu bohu

**to stir up ill-feeling to mess around** : la zizanie

**periodic, periodical, recurrent**

**par étapes successive** : in piecemeal fashion

**A pious wishful thinking** : un voeu pieux

**rhédibitoire** : crippling (with flaws or defects : des defaults)/ void : latent defect in merchandise that renders the sales contract void\*

être sur le grill : to be on tenterhooks

To raise the bidding / (figurative meaning) to raise the stakes

to get a respite, a breathing space, to break off from work, to work without a break : un répit

a clearing : une éclaircie

avec le recul : in retrospect, with the passing of time, with hindsight

Outcome : le résultat, le bilan

**To disclose** : to make know, to make public, to broadcast, to communicate, to confess, to divulge, to get off one's chest, to reveal, to let slip, to leak, to acknowledge, to unveil, to uncover, to utter, to expose, to bring to light, to lay bare, to spill the beans about

**Disclosures** : des révélations (=acknowledgment, broadcast, announcement, exposure, divulgence, leak, uncovering, revelation, declaration )

to be in sight : être en vue :

to tumble, to knock down : dégringoler (qn) :

A bad **reputation** = infamous or nefarious reputation

To have a reputation of being / a reputation as or for

Sb's reputation remained intact

**To wager one's reputation on sth** : miser sa reputation sur qch

Credit standing : reputation de solvabilité

World-**renowned** : de reputation mondiale

To build one's reputation on

Injury to reputation :atteinte à la reputation

To compromise : nuire à la réputation

Sb's reputation for honesty, for being awkward (pas commode)

To **sully** the reputation of

To **smear, to soil, to besmirch** (ternir, entacher) the name of

To **libel** = to **besmirch** sb: diffamer

**Libelling** = **slandorous**, defamatory, defaming : diffamatoire ou diffamant

Bethumbing, besmirching, besmearing, bedauding : salissant

By reputation : de reputation / to know so or sth **by repute**

**Besmirching** : salissure / salissant

**Squeamish** : impressionable (I'm not squeamish about blood) / Not for **the squeamish!** : *Ames sensible, abstenez-vous!*

A **grudge** match : *à couteaux tirés*

A grudge : une rancune

To grudge : reprocher, rechigner

To bear a grudge / with a grudge against : garder rancune

To grudge sb sth : to be **loath** to give = to **resent** the fact that sb has : *donner à contre Coeur*

*Holding a grudge is letting sb live rent-free in your head*

To do one's best, to surpass oneself (o.s), to exceed oneself : se dépasser, se surpasser

**to outdistance** : **to outstrip** = to be ahead of

**to outweigh** : l'emporter sur / dépasser (budget) : to overrun / budget overrun

**to overweigh** : trop peser sur

Dépasser : to go or pass beyond, to overrun, to overstep the bounds, the mark, to overdo it, to overtake a car, to stand a head taller than /

To meet the target : cibler, suivre les objectifs

Deadly enemies

To double check : par acquis de conscience, to be on a safe side

Acquired experience *acquise*

To acquire = to gain

Strong assets : *acquis solides*

Retirer des bénéfices de : to take sth out of = **to derive sth from**

To take sb away from, to remove

**In-depth study** : *approfondi*

**Thorough** = detailed

Extract = excerpt

**Illegible** (literally)/ unreadable : *illisible*

Lack of understanding = *incomprehension*

Réconforter : **to cheer up, to comfort** (*consoler*), to fortify (*revigorer*), take a snatch

**To cuddle** : *montrer de l'affection / to carress / a stroke (animal)*

**Rebellion, revolt, revolting**

Suspicion / to be cleared of any suspicion

**To cross the red line** : ... *est franchie*

Peace-keeping force : *forces d'intervention / Military or armed intervention*

*Médecin généraliste* : primary care physician = **general practitioner GP** / a family doctor / accident and emergency doctor = **emergency physician**

**A private practice practitioner** : *un médecin de ville*

**Physician** = **doctor** ≠ physicist

**Attending or treating physician** : *médecin traitant*

The physician-patient relationship

A physician failure : échec medical

A panel physician : médecin conventionné

A resident physician : un interne

### **A specialist**

Hospital borne : nosocomial

In-hospital : hospitalier

**The first-aid room** (in public spaces, at your place of work)/ **The sick-room** (at school)/sickroom / sick-bay / sickbay / infirmary : l'infirmerie

The nursery / **the workplace nursery** : crèche (d'entreprise)

Nurse practitioner : infirmière(e) diplômé(e) d'Etat

**Maid** : employée de maison

Maid-of-all-work : bonne à tout faire

Chamber-Maid : femme de chambre

Nurse- maid : bonne d'enfants

Servant-maid : servante

Cleaning maid : femme de ménage

**Old maid** : vieille fille

1st year of nursery school : petite section de maternelle

**Graduate nurse** : infirmière(e) diplômé(e)

**Community nurse** : de la santé publique

**Wet-nurse** : nourrice

**Children's nurse** : la nurse

Head nurse : surveillante



**Nursery facility** : garderie

Nursery nurse : puéricultrice/teur\*

Practical nurse = **state-enrolled** nurse : aide soignante

Registered nurse : infirmière d'Etat

Charge nurse : infirmière en chef

**Agency** nurse : intérimaire / **part-time** : en interim

A **visiting** nurse : à domicile

Day nursery : la crèche

Nursery school : école maternelle (state-run) / jardins d'enfants (private)

Head doctor : médecin-chef

Doctors **without border** = **boundaryless** : MSF

Médecins du monde : Medical organization working in Third World Countries

**Doctors' service** : sos medecins

Hospital doctors

Medical practice : cabinet de médecin

The doctors had **to operate** : intervenir (*ici*) / to be operated on for ... : être opéré de/à

Medical **association** : l'ordre des médecins

Matraquage : hype (fig.) / onslaught of (literally)

Crucial (moment), decisive, fateful : fatidique

Threshold : seuil

**To straighten out** economy : **to sort out** / to put right a situation : redresser

To straighten up a motorbike (the front wheels)

**A worksite** = construction site (literally): chantier / (fig.) project

To increase workforce : les effectifs

To postpone : reculer

To push back the frontiers

CSG contribution sociale généralisée : **supplementary social security contribution**

Demoralizing, disanimating

To go flabbergasted : tomber des nues

**Working time** : le temps de travail

**To reverse, to invert** : inverser (la tendance)

To preserve, to protect

**Homebound holiday traffic** : le retour des vacances

**Summer school** : université d'été

University entrance

**To register to** university = **to enroll at** university

To avoid repeat offence or offense

Reccurence : récidive (medicine)

Partition (music) idem / score (a piano score or sheet)

A solo career

To give a lecture to : faire la leçon à

To gain in value : prendre de la valeur

**To lay into sb** : s'en prendre à qn

**A sermonizer** : un donneur de leçon

Firm decision : décision ferme

**Court ruling** : décision de justice

Binding decision : exécutoire

To be consumed **with grief** : se consumer de douleur

With sorrow : de chagrin

To burn : consumer par le feu

To devastate, to depredate, **to tear through, to lay sth waste, to lay waste to sth** (tornadoes,

**Attendance** : fréquentation (touristic)

To keep bad company : mauvaise fréquentation

To go round with **disreputable** types : des fréquentations douteuses

To be careful about how much one spends

**To spare no expense** : ne pas regarder à la dépense

To think twice about

To be visibly affected = **stagger under the blow** : accuser le coup

Holidaymaker (brit), vacationers (us)

A holiday hot spot = **hangout** (lieu de predilection)

Destination (idem) **displayed** : affichée

Les faussaires : **copycat, forger, counterfeiter**

To drive out : débusquer

To ferret out : démasquer, dénicher, découvrir

To flush out : débusquer (le gibier)

With complete impunity

To go **unchecked** : continuer en toute impunité

To oust, to dethrone : detroner / To unseat (literally)

**Ordinary consumer goods** = everyday consumer good : biens de consommation courante

**Convenience good** : biens de grande consommation

Consumer durable good

Gas consumption

Energy consumption

**Out of necessity** : par nécessité

**To have no choice but to do sth** : se trouver dans la nécessité de faire qch

**Compelling need = overriding need**, = very strong need : impérieuse

**Necessity knows no law** : nécessité fait loi

**To become aware of the need to do sth** : prendre conscience ...

**Absolutely essential** : de première nécessité

**Essential goods** : biens de 1<sup>ère</sup> nécessité

Priority need tariff

**Basic or primary foodstuffs** = prime necessity : denrées ou aliments de 1<sup>ère</sup> nécessité

**First necessity objects** : objets

Staple commodity : articles de 1<sup>ère</sup> nécessité

(at) set times : à heures fixes

**Regular = steady** (a job) : fixe

**To know for certain** : être fixé

**Appointed** : fixée (hour)

**A police dog handler** : un maître chien

**To rule, to reign** as a master

***There's confidence for you*** : la confiance règne!

To neglect = to abandon = to desert : délaisser

To **sulk** = to refuse to do anything to do with sb (bouder qn), **to turn one's nose up at**

To **pick up** (a radio or tv channel) : capter / **To capture**

It **doesn't have network** = **there is no line or network** : ça ne capte pas

At the head of, at the top of, leading : en tête de

A **malicious delight** : un malin plaisir

## ENGLISH PHRASES

To **reap the benefits** = to harvest the fruits : récolter les benefices

To **sow** - sew- sown : semer

***Practice makes perfect*** : c'est en forgeant qu'on devient forgeron

***Spare the rod and spoil the child*** : qui aime bien, chatie bien

***All's well that ends well*** : tout est bien qui finit bien

***A fault confessed is half redressed***

For want of anything better : faute de mieux

To **catch sb out** : prendre qn en faute

For lack of : faute de

Without fail : sans faute

Otherwise : faute de quoi

Unless advised to the contrary : faute d'avis contraire

**Mismanagement** : faute de gestion

A stumbling block : *une pierre d'achoppement*

**To reach stalemate** : être dans l'impasse / the discussion has reached stalemate

To break the stalemate : *sortir de l'impasse*

**Stalwart** =dependable : loyal, supporter inconditionnellement, brave homme / (of party) fidèle

The stalls : l'orchestre

To stall (for time) : essayer de gagner du temps / Try to stall him for a while

**Stamina** : endurance

A grammatical mistake in French : une faute de français

To preach in the wilderness : prêcher dans le désert

To get a **good deal** : faire une bonne affaire

To make a **good deed** : une bonne action

Short reckonings make long friends : les bons comptes font les bons amis

Unreliable, questionable : sujet à caution

To give moral or scientific backing or support or reliability to sb

To stick to one's word : to keep one's word: tenir parole

A word of honor : parole d'honneur

A fluent speaker : une parole facile

A historic remark : une parole historique

To be caught red handed : être pris la main dans le sac

To go straight to disaster

To take one's hat off to sb

Critically acclaimed, praised (by), to salute unfailing courage or bravery or fearlessness, boldness, **bold action**, **bold stroke** (coup d'audace) bold valor, valour, valiance, valiancy, gallantry (to summon up the courage to) / to wave to or at

**A bold gamble** : un pari risqué

**To take a bold step forward** : une avancée décisive

**A watershed** : un point décisif, un tournant

**A milestone** : un fait marquant, un événement clé

**The cornerstone** : la pierre angulaire

The foundation : **the basic part**

**As bold as brass** : très audacieux

To make a blunder or a slip, a boo, a bloomer = to blow the gaffe, to put one's feet in it

**To offend or upset people**

A slip-up : un dérapage / a skid (cars), skidding, danger of skidding

**A denial or a disclaimer**: un démenti / to deny sth

**A counterblast, a flat denial** : un démenti énergique

To issue, to release, **to disclose** a disclaimer : publier un démenti

**To hedge or dodge** or avoid an issue : louvoyer, éviter : to hedge

To conceal, to hide, to keep secret : dissimuler

**A compromise solution**

Compromising or compromising : incriminatory

Ultimatistic, all-or-nothing : sans compromise

To skip school or a lesson : sécher

Skit it : laisse tomber!

Skipping a grade : sauter une classe

To repeat a year or a grade : redoubler

To redouble one's efforts

To underrate, to underscore, to undervalue, to underestimate, to depreciate

To put at a disadvantage : dévaloriser

Decision making : une prise de décision

Blue blooded : de sang noble

A life of ease : une vie de rentier

Welfare enhancing : favorisant le bien être

Welfare of all : le bien public

A shortfall : la faille

Social security shortfall : la faille du système de sécu

The deficit or the gap in the social security budget

The social security ceiling

Child benefit or family allowance is given irrespective of income : indépendamment de

Uptake = handover, coverage, care, support = *prise en charge*

Handover limit : limite de *prise en charge*

Bearing of the costs : prise en charge des frais

Covering of medical costs : prise en charge médicale

To damp sb's spirits : décourager

To damp : refroidir (both meanings) / damp : humide

To put a spoke in so's wheels : mettre des batons dans les roues



Rompu : **worn out** : with a wide experience of

To talk about this and that = aimlessly : parler à batons rompus

**Break up** : démantèlement/ to break up with : to dump sb : to quit : to split

**Break off** : rupture

**Break-even** : rentabilité

**Break out** : être vide, cassé / se déclarer (fire), éclater (war)/ to break out in a rash : une éruption cutanée / to break out of : to escape from (jail)

To fly away from : flew, flown : voler (bird), s'enfuir = to run away from

Cheer up, let's run away : courage, fuyons !

To flee the country

**To flee into** hiding : prendre la fuite, se cacher

To flee : fled, fled

A fleeing reaction

**Break-in** : a burglary : un cambriolage / un rodage

I'm going **to crack up** at this rate : je vais finir par craquer

The floor **creaks** : le plancher craque

My zip's **burst**

To have a crush for sb = to fall for sb = to have the hots = to fall to pieces = to fall to bits

It's full to **bursting** : c'est plein à craquer

To tear, to crack, to fail, to collapse

**To kink** : faire craquer (literally)

To strike a match

The goose that lay the golden eggs

To have a long weekend : faire le pont

**Staggered** : décalé (vacances, ...), not in line with, **offbeat** (humour)

To take vows of chastity, poverty and obedience

The mass at the Vatican

To trace one's roots back to ... foundational texts

To ruffle the feathers of JP II = to upset his beliefs or approaches

**To take upon oneself** : reprendre à son compte

To fit with

His approach to poverty

Preoccupations with the city's poorest

The emphasis on the poor

To have radical change in mind for the Church

**Budding** : en herbe

Concomitant : idem

Beneath friendly exterior : sous des dehors cordiaux

Amid applause

In this respect : sous ce rapport

To give way under the weight of : céder sous le poids de

By the action of : sous l'action de

Within a fortnight : sous quinzaine

Vacuum packed : sous vide

Individual and legal entities : personnes physiques et sociétés morales

To postpone indefinitely = never in a month of Sundays = to put sth back :  
remettre aux calendes grecques

To set a clock **right**, to set things **straight** : régler les choses, remettre à l'heure

At the other end of the tunnel

To fly off the handle

**To be worn out = to break out** : à bout de forces

To pull through : s'en sortir, to manage ok

A long harvest for a little corn = the noise is greater than the nuts : c'est la montagne qui accouche d'une souris

Much ado about nothing : beaucoup de bruit pour rien

Public Interest defence / defense (us): defense de l'interet public

Comprehensive insurance : assurance tous risqué

An utopia / utopian

To give sb credit for sth

To muzzle a dog : mettre une muselière

After mature consideration

To come up against a wall, a barrier of incomprehension

To break the sound barrier : le mur du son

**GRAM** : but = except / The time before the last : l'avant dernière fois = **the last but one** = the penultimate

To drive so into a corner : au pied du mur = to have so with his back to the wall

To hit one's head against a brick wall

**Fallout effects = Spin-off effects**, effects, consequences : les retombées éco

To toughen, to radicalise, to become more radical

**Hardliner** = extremist / to the **bitter end**

**Entry into force** : l'entrée en vigueur

Radar : l'installation de radars

**Calling into question, questioning** : remise en cause

Starting up again : remise en marche

**Sorting out** : remise en ordre

**Throw in** : une remise en jeu

Prize giving : remise des prix (awarding people)

It isn't **the rules** : ce n'est pas réglementaire

To add **fuel** to the fire : ... du combustible ...

To give the game away = let the cat out (of the bag) : vendre la mèche

**To tip off** = to blow the cover : vendre la mèche

To be in cahoots with so = to be an accomplice, a partner in crime : être de mèche

**Count your chickens before they have hatched** : vendre la peau de l'ours ...

Beneath a **gruff** exterior : ours mal léché / a gruff person

**Don't put the cart before the horse** : la charrue avant les boeufs

**A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush** : un tiers vaut mieux ...

Every **penny** counts : un sou est un sou

What a **rotten** luck! Quelle tuile !

**Second-in-command** : sous-chef

**Deputy** chief clerk

**Deputy** ... : adjoint

**Subalterne** : junior (clerk), minor (a task), subordinate (a role)

**A role** : a function, **a part** (a contribution), **leading part** (role principal ou role de direction), **key role**, **secondary role**, **trigger action** (role déclenchant), **minor part** (role de comparses) **walk-on part** (role de figurant)

**A role play** : un jeu de rôle

**A role to play** : un rôle à jouer

To present oneself in a favourable light

**To be (rather) partial to** : avoir un penchant mignon

Original sin

Deadly sin : péché capital

In the window

To go window-shopping

**Comparative advertising** / advertising agency or campaign / to advertise, to publicize

**A misleading advertising** : mensongère

**Deceitfully** : de manière mensongère

By or with deceit : fourberie, tromperie, tricherie

Self -deceit : un leurre

To be **cheated** at = to get tricked / to cheat on sb

**Adverse** publicity or advertising : contre-publicité

Editorial **advertising** (newspaper)

Broadcast advertising (tv, radio)

**Advertisement** = adverts = ad (brit) : l'annonce pub

Same degree comparative / lower or higher degree comparative (grammar)

For out **comparison** test or **comparative** test : essai comparatif

A comparative study

A placebo -controlled study

**Display case** : vitrine publicitaire

Electronic storefront : vitrine électronique

**Europe's showcase** : la vitrine de l'Europe

The legal front for a terrorist organization

**Sooth** : vérité / In sooth : en vérité

**To soothe** : apaiser, calmer (pain) = to calm = to ease

**To smooth (sens fig)** : aplanir, réguler

**Smooth** : lisse, onctueux

**To smooth out** : aplanir

Smooth running : bon fonctionnement, qui marche bien

**A smooth drive** : un voyage confortable

Smooth driving, landing, take off : en douceur

**To be a smooth talker** : beau parleur / doucereux, mielleux

Souple : **soft** (material) / **supple** (peau) / **lithe** (démarche, taille), **flexible** (réglement, caractère, emploi du temps)

With a lot of fuss, with all the trimmings, all dressed-up : en grand tralala

To be on the edge of the abyss

**A generally held belief, a preconception** : une idée reçue

**Black thoughts**

**Driving principle** : idée directrice

Fraud = rigging

Lacune : hiatus, lacuna, gag, break / Faille : a **shorfall**

**Money laundering** : blanchiment d'argent

Silver wedding : noces d'argent

**Cash, spare cash, ready cash** (argent comptant ou disponible)

**Easy money, fast buck** : argent facile

Honest money : argent propre

**Kickback money** : argent de pots de vin (**bribes, bribery**)

Housekeeping money : des ménages

Jeter l'éponge : **to throw in the towel**

**To take the plunge** : se jeter à l'eau

Le sort en est jeté : **the die is cast**

the aisle seat / the window seat

Gravel-way, pathway, drive-way : allée

The corridor of power

The service road : la contre-allée

**To cast a spell on sb** : jeter un sort à qn

Nuancé : **qualified** (opinion), balanced (opinion)

To qualify : nuance

Incompetence (idem)

**Everything is relative**

To be less than **enthusiastic** : faire preuve d'un enthousiasme tt relative

**Relative to** : relatif à

Esteem : he has gone down in my estimation

To have **respect for sb**

According to my **estimations** = In my estimation )= estimate = forecast

**Pointless** : gratuit, dénué de sens

A pointless exercise : a loss of time

**To embrace a cause = to stand up for = to rise up for or against = to make the case for** (défendre la cause de)

A lost cause, an **underlying** cause

**To champion sb** : to take sb's side : défendre qn

From cradle to grave : du berceau à la tombe

**The birthplace** of civilization

The breeding ground : lieu de reproduction

Cradle or crib : berceau / cot death (brit), crib death (us) : la mort au berceau

Birth : beginning, emergence, genesis, origin, rise, source / ancestry, background, breeding, **derivation**, descent, extraction, **forebears** (les ancêtres), genealogy, line, lineage, noble extraction, **parentage**, pedigree, race, strain ≠ End, **demise**, death, extinction, passing, passing away or on

S'abstenir : **to refrain, to abstain, to forebear**

**Demise** = **downfall**, collapse, dissolution, end, failure, fall, ruin, termination / death, decease, departure, expiration / (Law) alienation, **conveyance**, transfer, transmission

**The demise of the reform movement : its end or death**

**Demising** : léguant

**Léguer** : to bequeath sth to sb / to hand sth down to sb, to pass sth on to sb, to will sth to sb, to leave sth to sb / to legate, to demise

Paternité : **fatherhood, fathership** / descent, extraction, lineage, parentage / authorship, derivation, origin, source

To make some **assumptions** : faire des hypothèses

**Les délais** : the notice / within the time limit : délais accordés

**Timeout** : délai d'attente

Shortly, very soon : à brefs délais

To **strip** sb naked : mettre à nu



**Skilful** : **handy** (habile, adroit)

**Skilled** : competent, formé

**To call upon** : mettre à contribution

The icing on the cake : la cerise sur le gateau

The uppercrust : le gratin

**Out of date** = **expiry date**: périmé

Out and out : pur et simple

Out of the window

Valid (for id-card)

Doggie: toutou

**the right-hand man** : le bras droit :

Hardline policy = an extremist attitude : jusqu'au-boutisme

**Extremist, hardliner / to take things to the bitter end**

Respectively (=respectivement) to one's financial means or earnings : according to = in accordance with = conditional upon = depend on

***Cheapness*** (ce qui est bon marché : les bons prix) ***is conditional to abundance***

***To harvest or reap what we have sown or sewed*** (to sow)

To **sow** discord among

**Riddled** with difficulty

A riddle : une devinette

To **set in on** the path of democracy

To make an **inventory**, to take stock of : faire l'inventaire

**Outlets / career or job opportunity** : les debouches

the **age bracket** : la tranche d'âge :

**unlisted** : sur la liste rouge :

**To give up, to lower the arms** : baisser les bras

**Les bras ballants** : swinging or bangle arms

**To tackle sth head on** : prendre qch à bras le corps

**A bunch of hoppers or of good-for-nothing** : des bras cases, des bons à rien

it **rocks** : c'est de la balle :

Se résigner : to **resign oneself** to doing / to **reconcile oneself** to sth

**To rack one's brain** : se creuse la cervelle, les méninges

**As sure as eggs are eggs** : sûr comme deux et deux font quatre

**And that's all there is of it** : Point barre, en point c'est tout

**To sleep like a log** = to sleep very **soundly** : à poings fermés

**As things come** : au coup par coup

**Bound hand and foot** : pieds et poings liés

**Return blow for blow**

**Arm in arm** : bras dessus, bras dessous

**To be neck and neck** : narrow or close electoral results

**To punch so** : to bring one's fist on sth / a punch in the face = a knucle-duster / a punch battle / wrestling : la lutte (sports)

The punch threw him off balance : l'a déséquilibré

**A shock campaign** : une campagne coup de poing

**A blitz** : une opération coup de poing

**To rack one's brain** : se creuser la tete

**To be silly** : avoir la tete creuse

**To scratch one's head**

## MISCELLANEOUS

**Expiry date = out of date**

Time limitation (jur), lapsing : la préemption

**A show of hands** : vote à main levée

**A rubbish dump** : un depot d'ordures

A novel introducing real characters under **fictitious** names : un roman à clé

To do sth in a **workmanlike** manner : en professionnel

**Workmanlike** : travail bien fait, bien travaillé

**Workmanship** : exécution, fabrication

A fine (piece of) **workmanship** : du beau travail (manuel)

A workshy = **reluctant to work** : fainéant

The **vivid** picture of

During his/her lifetime = in his days : à son époque

Suspenders (us), braces (brit)/ a ramp (for cars in US) : bretelle(s)

The living and the dead

Not a **living** soul : pas âme qui vive

Hail, shower of bullets : grele, grelons

**Handouts** : aumone / prospectus, photocopié

A bar chart : un diagramme en batons / a pie chart

With distinction, with honors (a priori) : grade A pass / grade B pass, grade C pass / sb's got a grade ... : avoir une mention

**Delete** as appropriate : rayer la mention inutile

A competitive exam : un concours

An examination : un examen

A competitive entrance examination

An end of the year examination

3 years' higher education : formation bac +3

Un bachelier : person who has passed the baccalaureat

The **graduate** (us) : le bachelier

Combination of circumstances

To be disqualified

To **flunk** one's exams : être recalé, foirer

Patronizing : condescendant

To **patronize** : traiter avec condescendance

To **resort to** : avoir recours à

**GRAMM** : passé et would / TRADUCTIONS

*I would be grateful If you would reply quickly*

*He admitted that he had made a mistake : il a reconnu s'être trompé : qu'il s'était trompé*

*I must admit that I had completely forgotten : Je reconnais que j'avais tout à fait oublié.*

*Gangsters had probably been to look over the place beforehand : les gangsters étaient venus reconnaître les lieux auparavant.*

*Se retrouver : to find one's way around / Je commence à me reconnaître : I'm beginning to **find my bearings**.*

Copying and pasting : copier-coller

**A bold type, in bold face, in bold print: en gras**

Bold and italics

**é = e acute / è = e grave**

circumflex

**Layout** : mise en page

A typing error (a typo) : une faute de frappe

Upper-case letter : majuscule

**The upshot** : the result of / **the fallout** : les retombées

Upturn : retroussé

**Uptown** : les quartiers chics

**Uptight** = tense : tendu

**A misprint** : une faute d'impression

**An error of punctuation**

A driving error : faute de conduite

An error of taste : une faute de goût

A spelling mistake : faute d'orthographe

A professional misconduct : une faute professionnelle

**A dropped call** : un appel rompu

**To call the register** (education) : faire l'appel

**The roll** : la liste d'appel

Supply list : liste de fournitures

The membership list/card/number : d'adhérents / adherent of

Registration fees, enrolment fees : droits d'inscription

**To enroll / enrolment = to register / registration**

**The registration form** : le formulaire d'inscription

The entry form : la feuille d'inscription

The registration = the inscription

To subscribe : s'abonner / subscription

To play truant (brit) = to play hooky (us) = to skip class : faire l'école buissonnière

He got two hours' detention : 2 heures de colle

Sacquer : to get the push (fam), the examiner gave me lousy marks (brit) or grades (us)

**Classes préparas** : preparatory class for an entrance to Grandes Ecoles = preparatory courses

**Classes vertes** : Educational schooltrip to the countryside

Farming class

**Reorientation class** : classe passerelle

**Special needs class** : classe d'adaptation

The wedding present list

A delicate fabric, a delicate child = fragile

The **delicate** issue of adoption

**Above** = **at the top** : en haut

De haut en bas : from top to bottom, downwards

From above, from upstairs, from on high : d'en haut

**Hangout** : lieu de prédilection

**Handout** : prospectus (= flyer), aumône

Air cooling : refroidissement de l'air

Air purifier

Air cushion

Air-conditioning

**Exhaust pipe** : pot d'échappement

**Exhaust gas** : gaz d'échappement

10 litres aux 100 : to do 30 miles to the **gallon** = to do 30 miles per gallon

A crash (plane), a collapse (building)

At **breakneck** speed : à allure folle

At **top or full** speed

To speed up : to keep up ≠ to slow down, to reduce speed

A tune : un air (de musique)

A theme with variations : un air varié

A cross-road : carrefour

To cross dress : se travestir

A sports club

To go for a **workout** / to give one's body a workout : entraînement / a gymnastics workout = keep-fit exercices

To go **in for** sport : faire du sport

**Off-side** : hors jeu

Out of competition : hors compétition

Out of the matter : hors sujet

To **miss the point, to evade the question, off the target, out of the matter, to side-step the question** : à côté de la plaque

Be off with **the fairies** : à côté de ses pompes

Next to = by the side of = beside = alongside with

A stitch : un point de côté (sports)

Silver plated / gold plate / plated jewelry

Police badge

Number plate (car)/ license plate (us)

**A hub** : une plaque tournante

A hob : plaque de caisson

Ply-hood : contre-plaqué

Indoor sport (sport en sale)/**sports gear** (= la tenue)/ **a playing field** / physical education teacher / sports car / sports store

**To hang, to dangle** : pendre, pendouiller

**Secretariat, secretarial department, secretary's office** / State secretariat for ... / **school office**

**A shortfall in earnings = a loss of earnings = a loss of income**: un manque à gagner / un deficit / une faille (a security shortfall) / insuffisance (in supplies)

**An advertisement for** (washing powder, ...)

**To be exhausted** : ***to be at the end of one's tether, to be at the death's door*** : être au bout du rouleau

**Tethering** : Connexion réseau via un modem sans fil

***To be at the tunnel's end*** : (light) at the end of the tunnel

***With all these to-ings and fro-ings we haven't seen each other*** : ***chassés-croisés***

**A perk** : un avantage en nature

**Carpooling** : covoiturage

Draught (brit), draft (us) : courant d'air / Bière à la pression

**Stout** : costaud (fig et propre)

**Soft spot, weak underbelly, Achille's heel, point of weakness** : ventre mou

**To be getting a paunch** : avoir du ventre



Softness (mastress), flabbiness (features, face), **sluggishness** (person), feebleness (protests)

Sluggish (person) = feeble = **spineless** (caractère)

**Mild parts** : les parties molles

**Loose nougat** : softness

**Paunchy, potbellied** : bedonnant

Flat on one's belly : à plat ventre

***With fear in one's heart***

It makes you sick

Lower abdomen, groin : bas ventre

**Under reaction** : reaction molle

To give some **slack** : donner du mou

**Fruit machine** : machines à sous

To **impound** an animal, a car : mettre à la fourrière

A **pound** (for animals, cars ) : une fourrière

Dog-house = dog-hole = kennels

**Waste grounds** : terrain vague

**Garbage dump** : décharge publique, un dépotoir

**Litter** : les ordures

**Garbage man** = a garbage collector / garbage truck

**Dumping garbage** : déposant les ordures

Garbage **strewn** : jonché d'ordures

Garbage **can** : la poubelle

**Public road network** : la voirie

*To bow and scrape to so* : faire des courbettes

**Figure bowed with age** : courbé par l'age

**To bend double** : se couper en deux

To bow, to submit to so : se courber devant qn

**To lead so astray = to mislead so** : induire en erreur

**To infer, to induce** a conclusion

Lap(ping) of waves : clapotis

**Coastal** countries

**Scenic** = pittoresque

To take the scenic route : la route touristique ou les départementales

The **scenery** is beautiful = the landscape

Emblematic or symbolic / emblem of

**To throw sb a line** : tendre la perche à qn

To overhang = to look down on

**To face towers** : the rock face towers 200m above the sea : le rocher surplombe la mer de 200m

**Overlooking** : avoir vue sur

**A promontory = a headland** : un promontoire

A viewpoint (over a landscape) / (literally) a point of view

Camera viewpoint

**Sundial** : cadran solaire

*Water jet, spray, fountain*

The sun **beats down** : frappe / the **rising** sun / the **setting** sun

North Africa : le Maghreb

**Arab(origin)**, : an arab person arab countries (peoples, nations)

**The United Arab Emirates UAE**

**Arabian (geo)** : the Arabian desert (le desert d'Arabie), the Arabian gulf the

Arabian nights : les 1001 nuits, the Arabian sea : la mer d'Arabie

**Arabic (la langue, art, litterature), Arabic numerals**

**Plough (brit), plow (us)** : la charrue

**Ox (sing), oxen (plur)** = steer = beef

**a cash dispenser**

a ticket machine

**a high-pitched** sound

bass time = **low-pitched** sound

off-pitch : faux

les notes : notes

**early** music : musique ancienne

background music

**accompanying** music : d'accompagnement

a film music = a theme music

**food retailer** : distributeur alimentaire

**food retailing**

**the black sheep**

**the scape goat**

**the envoy** : l'émissaire

the pariah /e/ /aia/

A cruise liner = a cruising liner /z/: un paquebot

A merchant ship

A cargo ship

A passenger ship

Arrival point

Point of departure

Conservatoire (idem) or music academy

**Cutting-edge technology = leading-edge technology**

**a current account, a checking account (us)**

during or in the **course** of : durant, au courant de

against the **current** : à contre-courant

**A one-way street** : à sens unique ou interdit (a **no-entry sign**)

**Hocus pocus** : abracadabra (un tour de passe-passe), a deception, **a scam** (une tromperie, une supercherie), a pure deception (une vaste supercherie) / trickery, treacherous

**A rip-off = a scam** : une arnaque aussi

**A scam** : une magouille / une escroquerie = l'arnaque : a swindle

**Huge scam** : Affaire de gros sous

**A swindle = swindling = a scam = spoofing = a humbug** (une sottise aussi)

a con game = a shell game = a fraud scheme = a bunco : une escroquerie

**A phishing scam** : escroquerie par hameçonnage

Intellectual **fraud**, credit card fraud

False hope

To pretend to be easily **fooled** : se faire passer pour *un pigeon*

To be fooled = to be tricked = to be taken for a ride

The **patsies** : les pigeons (figurative) : I'm nobody's patsy

A messenger pigeon or dove

To put sb in a **pigeon-hole** : cataloguer qn / un casier

**Deceptive** = **deceitful** = **misleading** : trompeur / deceiveur = shammer (a sham)= hoaxer

**Deceptiveness**

**Appearances are deceptive** = all vine and no taters

To make sth look deceptively easy : donner l'impression trompeuse

Deceitful (adj) / Deceitfully (adv)

**Usurpation** = **spoofing** = **usurping**

**Brand spoofing** : usurpation de marque

**Forgery** (contrefaçon)

Patent **infringement** (contrefaçon de brevet) / trademark infringement

A matter of, a trademark infringement case

On one's **knees**, on bended knee(s), put on knees : à genoux

To fall on one's knee = to kneel down

To be on one's knee

To dislocate one's knee

To **scratch** one's knee : s'égratigner / to **graze** one's knee : s'écorcher

**On the lap** : sur les genoux (in the literal sense, in the proper sense)

Visibly : à vue d'oeil

To **help oneself to** : faire main basse sur :

In NYork, women are **driven** : être dans le coup

Penniless, running out of cash : une main devant, une main derrière

Fictif : **fictitious**

To lose sight of : perdre de vue

A sentimental story, **slushy** = **mushy** (en bouillie) : à l'eau de rose

Bashful lover : amoureux transi

**Cheeky** = unashamed = **unbashful** = **perky** : impertinent, effronté

**Barefaced** lying : mensonge effronté

**Bashful** : timide, embarrassé / to be bashful about ...

Hatch plans, a dead duck, flimsy or **lousy** or cheesy plan : un plan foireux

A judicial spiral, the start of a judicial spiral

**Implementation** : mise en oeuvre

**Application** : mise en application

**Starting** : mise en service

**Layout** : mise en page

**Clarification** : mise au point

**Development, highlighting** : mise en valeur

**Shutdown** : mise à l'arrêt (an engine, a device)

**Questioning** : mise en cause\*

To rise by degrees, by successive stages

*The step or the grade of a ladder*

In distress : la dèche

To be (stony) broke = to be hard up

In limbo : in the vague

**Myth-busting** : fight against myth

Avec le temps : **in the long run, in process**

Timely : venir en son temps

To serve, to do one's time : faire son temps

**Temporary, provisional** : temporaire

**A sensible choice** : un choix judicieux

The heavy **flow of holiday traffic** : le gd chassé croisé des vacances

**Cross-over : comings and goings**, mix up, flows in opposite directions

Romantic **intrigue** : chassé croisé amoureux

**To criss-cross** : to crisscross : sillonner/ s'entrecroiser

**Cross-cutting, cross-functional** : transversal

Cross-border or **frontier** : international, transfrontalier

Cross-community : intercommunautaire

Cross-party, cross-sector, inter : interpartite, intersectoriel, de plusieurs partis

**To endure** : to bear / to withhold

**To depreciate = to demean oneself** : dévaloriser, s'abaisser, s'avilir

**Demeaning** : devalorisant (pour qn)

To increase the value

To divert : détourner qch ou qn / highjack (literaly)

Rébarbatif : **surly** (expression), grim (repugnant)

Mass : la messe

**To be bracketed equal** (in competition) : ex-aequo

**To tie for** the 1<sup>st</sup> place or for the same place

Faire une bourde : to put one's **foot in it**, to drop a brick, **a clanger, a howler, a blunder, a bloomer**

To make a blunder / a blunder

**A jumping jack, a stooge, a puppy** : un pantin

la vache à lait : sb's **cash cow**

la poule aux œufs d'or : the hen that lay the golden eggs

Les dindons de **la farce** : the fall guys

A joke shop : de farces et attrapes

**La zizanie** : to sow discord between = to stir up ill-feeling = to mess around = to mess about

perpetually at **loggerheads** with = in disagreement with = à couteaux tirés

To **get out of (quag)mire**, of slough, scrape, mess : sortir du borbier

**Haziness**, cloudiness, nebulousness : la nébulosité

**Enrolment** : inscription, embauche

A flybill = : un prospectus (**a handout**), une feuille volante

**Layout** : mise en page, agencement, maquette

A space layout : agencement de l'espace

To do combined **honours** : faire un double cursus

Official **channels** : la filière administrative

**Vocational** field or qualification: la filière pro ou technique

General field : la filière générale

Un cursus : **a program, a degree course**

Bandages : pansements / to bandage = to be **strained**

**A strain** : une tension / une entorse, un claquage (=pulling)

Pads : jambières / patch : (compeed) brand

Prothesis / false or **artificial** legs ...

To **lift or pick up** the receiver = to answer the phone

To hang up : to put it back



Tiède (2 sens) : **Tepid** = lukewarm / to cool off

Tidal : submitted to high and low tide / a **tidal** wave / the rising **tide** of discontent

**Tedious** : boring, annoying, tiresome, uninteresting, wearisome, tiring

A garbage bag (us), a bin liner (brit)

**Sheer madness** : la folie douce

Fighting the **wimp** factor : wimp = mauviette (brit)

To evade the issue : user de faux-fuyants

**Wrongfully** : faussement

**Miscellaneous expenses** : frais divers

To stroke the right way to / to **butter up so** : flatter

Beddy-byes: dodo

A lucky bag: une pochette surprise

A **jumble** : un fatras

**Complaints** : doléances

**To take the rap (for the others)** : trinquer (figurative meaning)

To **clink glasses** : trinquer = to lift one's glasses

*When I'm gone let happen what may* : après moi le deluge

*When the parents drink, it's the children who pay the price*

**To pick up the pieces** : payer les pots cassés

She wears far too much make-up : un vrai pot de peinture

A **leaving party** : un pot de depart

**Just his/her luck** : pas de pot

**What a stroke of luck !** : c'est un vrai coup de pot

A daredevil : un casse-cou

To do a robbery : faire un casse

To fork out : casquer

The blue berets : les casques bleus

Hard hats : casques de chantiers

To wear several hats : plusieurs casquettes

**Item on special offer** : une promotion

To promote : faire la promotion

To get a promotion / to get a promotion *after sleeping with sb ???* : promotion canapé

**Benefits in kind = fringe benefit** : avantages en nature

Heat wave : canicule

A poodle : un caniche

A sofa bed : un convertible

An open sandwich = a canapé : un canapé

*Life isn't a bed of roses* : n'est pas une partie de plaisir

To give sb bed and board : offrir le gîte et le couvert

A night owl : un couche-tard

Always go to bed early

To tickle, to tickle sb, to be ticklish : chatouiller

Touchy : chatouilleux (fig.)

To be offended, hurt : vexé / annoyed : contrarié, fâché

No offence (take): sans vouloir vous vexer

To time, to be timed at : chronométrer / être chronométré

**A stopwatch** : un chrono

To inject money into a project

To lay sth down flat = to have a close look at : mettre qch à plat

A thorough review : remise à plat

Tomber à plat (Remarque, plaisanterie) : to fall flat

To be **flat**, to be **run down** : être à plat

I'm **wacked** : je suis cassé(é)

To prepare the ground : le terrain

Alpine skiing / downhill skiing (de piste) / mogul skiing (sur bosses) / ski-touring (de rando) / cross-country skiing (de fond) / a ski tow (remonte pente ou télésiège)

**Sports ground / Tennis court**

**Waste ground** : un terrain vague

He has **practical experience** : homme de terrain

To be on **home ground** : être sur son terrain

To find **common ground**

To be on **dangerous ground**

Landing ground

Hunting ground

Struck down by a heart attack

To **bring down** : terrasser l'adversaire

This illness laid him down / to overwhelm

**Solitary, lonely** : solitaire

A bramble branch : ronce

Brambles : des ronces

**To grumble at** : ronchonner

Grumpy, grumbler : ronchonneur, ronchon

**He hasn't the courage to break it off** (romper) = **to drop sb, to ditch**  
(plaquer)

**to be dumped** : se faire plaquer :

**to break with old habits or tradition**

**to break the spell** : casser le charme

**to upset the balance** : déséquilibrer

fall out! : rompez (military)

armed forces : les forces militaires

militaires : servicemen/women // soldiers by profession // senior military  
personnel (de haut rang)

to be an officer of the Legion d'Honneur

to put an end to = **to break off** (diplomatic relations)

a nightingale : un rossignol

to make a scene

scene of panic

to explode in a fit of jealousy

**a domestic fight**

**the public arena** : la scène publique

**on the political scene** : sur la scène politique

**in a public space**

**to be bruised all over** : contusionné, être couvert de bleus

peaches bruise easily : se talent facilement

bruising : éprouvant

**a ticky moment** : un couac

ecological = ecofriendly transition is a growth factor, therefore it can cut deficits

**counterfeit = forgery** : contrefaçon, falsification

Teat (brit)/ nipple (us)/ dummy (brit), pacifier (us) : une tétine

To suck at (one's mother's breast): têter

disposable nappy (brit), diaper : des couches-culottes

pants (brit : for women and children), knickers (brit), panties (US for women)

**Briefs** : for men and women

A high cut brief : slip brésilien

**Underpants** or briefs (for men)

**breeches** (anciennement masculine) (Us): des culottes ou sous-vêtements

boxer shorts or long johns = caleçon et caleçon long

to wear the trousers : porter la culotte (brit); to wear the pants (us)

A pantie girdle : gaine-culotte

In short pants : en culotte courte

**A non-work day** : un jour chômé

To be idle : chômer / Idle = not to sit around doing nothing : inactive

Taking all age groups into account

To astound : déconcerter

**To change the record** : changer de refrain

It's always the same old story

Refusal to obey

Easily **refuted** : refutable

To renew / renewed interest or energy or violence

**A rise in tension**

To damp = to cool down : refroidir

To get cold

To take refuge : se réfugier

**Asylum seeking** : demande d'asile

To enjoy oneself

**I'm a treat** : c'est moi qui offre, regale

**It's on the house** : c'est la maison qui offre

To return a compliment

To criticize sb in the same way

To turn the whole house upside down : tout retourner

Ce spectacle m'a retournée : **seeing it gave me quite a turn**

**To toss and turn** all night in bed

La voiture s'est retournée : **overturned** (into a ditch) : un fossé

Give him/her time **to sort oneself out** (fig): ... de se retourner

He/she must **be turning in one's grave** : se retourner dans sa tombe

To be **doing one's national service** : être au régiment

In the provinces : en région

Réglage : **adjustment** (for a device or a seat) / **tuning** (engine)

A salt-free diet

A low-calorie diet

Slimming (brit), reducing diet (us)

A slowdown : une baisse de régime

It helps in the workfield

**To leave without looking back** (donner le dos) = everyone **turned round** as he/she went by : se retourner sur son passage

**To turn against sb = to backfire on sb** : se retourner contre qn

**To take court action against sb**

To entrench oneself in a position / to take refuge in silence / to hide behind the law

**A confrontation** : un affrontement

Un jet de projectile : to throw ... a projectile

To worsen : dégénérer

To neutralize / to overpower (an assaulter)

**Being assaulted** : être agressé

To call out to = to take in for questioning : interpeler

To concern (fig) : interpeler

**I can relate to that** : ça m'interpelle

**Prefect** : préfet de police

**The police headquarters** : la prefecture

Prefectorial

**He isn't on form / to feel up to doing sth** : se sentir d'attaque

To go back on the attack

To go **into** the attack / to move **onto** the attack

She came in for severe criticism from the press

Une attaque (bank) : a raid

**Ransacking = wrecking** (a garden): un saccage

To turn the whole house upside down : saccager

Field laid waste by the **hail** : par la grêle

To ransack : to destroy

**Riots / rioters** : les émeutiers

**To anticipate = to look ahead**

**The outburst = the outbreak** of violence : les débordements

Overflooding : débordements des eaux

To prevent things from getting out of hand or excesses

Les ultras qui defiant ... : **extremists, hardliners** who challenge or defy

**Ill-assessed or badly assessed events** : mal évalués

**The maintenance of law and order** : le service de maintien de l'ordre

Risky demonstration : une manifestation à risque

**Upstream (of)** : en amont

To regulate

Dispositive de sécurité : security device or mechanism

Pas adapté : not suited = ill-suited

To argue or squabble over new rules for the internet

**Internet governance = ruling**

**Europe run low on fuel = scarcity = depletion = to be depleted with**

As shale gas revolution powers up (strengthen) US industry, America will no longer need a drop of oil from the Islamic world



Red wine drinkers are **less liable to** (moins enclins à ) theart attacks and who later promoted the Creatan died (cretois)

**Cabinet secretary** : secrétaire d'Etat

**To lose track** : perdre ses objectifs

To take **a setback, a slap in the face** : une gifle, une raclée/ to get slapped

In a **slapdash way** : à la va-vite, baclé

Election night : soirée électorale

**Chief of staff** : chef de gouvernement

About mid-term elections

What they built during the campaign

Everything seem to collapse around him

**It was focus** : c'était pointu

**Fellow American** : compatriote

Les soldats : **troops**

To be weak in communication

A lack of planning : mq de communication

A poll number

**The key core constituency** : soutien electoral

To be **brash** : être cassant

The bizariness of being president

The whole story = all the story

By 2011, relationships in the White House have or had grown so complicated, everybody was so tense to react to this.

Some of the team could barely or scarcely talk together to keep one's promises or pledge.

Sb **shoveled aside** : être mis à l'écart

It's a **wrenching** : un déchirement

**Wretch** : pauvre diable

**Wretched** : misérable (life condition)

**To wrestle with** : se débattre contre

Relations began **to fall apart** : à se défaire

The keeper of the flame

It took months before President realized that's not the way it would work and see what to do to succeed.

To be a **wholehearted supporter** of sb : être acquis à qn

To be a **committed supporter** of a cause

**Acquired or established** characteristics

To take sth for granted : pour acquis

## **FOOD / AGRICULTURE or FARMING**

Un soupçon d'assaisonnement, maquillage, vulgarité : a hint

Un soupçon de vin : a drop

To be **ravenous** : avoir la fringale

Le terroir : region

Gastronomy

**Bitter and sweet** : aigre-doux

Ultra-douce : ultra-**soft**

**Sheer** madness : folie douce

Sweet and sour /aoue/

Fill : aileron (of shark)

Horn : corne (of rhinos)

Said to be aphrodisiac

Seaweed : algues

Algae (d'eau douce)

**Local produce** : produits du terroir

Country accent : accent du terroir

Dodu : **chubby**

Buckwheat : sarrasin

Semolina : semoule

Fertilizer : engrais

Tuber : tubercule

**AOOC** : Label guaranteeing the origin of wine and cheese (mainly) / Protected designation of origin = Guarantee of quality of wine, Guarantee quality label

Wine **carrying a guarantee of origin** : vin d'appellation

**Vintage** : un grand cru classé

*A grand cru*

**Vineyard** : le vignoble

**The locals** : les gens du cru

To ride bareback : monter à cru

De son propre cru : **of one's own devising**

**Food retailing** : distribution alimentaire

Stewed fruits : mijotés

Steamed : à la vapeur

**Cured ham** : jambon cru

Battery hens ≠ **free range** chicken = poultry farm (élevage de volaille)

Hens **brought up or bred** outdoors not in birdcages

Wine matured in cellars in barrels in a wine storehouse

**Cellar master** : maitre de chai

Yolk : jaune d'oeuf

White of eggs = egg white

**Unsuitable for** : impropre à la conso

**Fuel value** : valeur calorique (méd)

A calorie intake

A calorie controlled diet

To be put on a diet

Low calorie product

Reduced calorie ...

**Local produce** : produit du terroir

Sour /saoue/ : aigre = bitter amère

A store brand : une marque de distributeur

Noble (alimentation) : high quality

A connoisseur

**A generic brand**

**A store brand : une marque de distributeur**

**Unpasteurized** milk : lait cru

Starchy food : les féculents

Starch : amidon

**AOC : a designation label, a consumer protection organization or regulation, a guaranteed quality label, a guarantee of quality, a protected designation of origin**

**Farmed** salmon : d'élevage

Food **retailer** : distributor, **supplier**

A grocery store, at the grocers': une boutique alimentaire, épicerie

À la ligne : with a **fishing rod**

**Food processing** : agro-alimentaire

**Foodstuffs** : produits alimentaires

**Edible** : comestible (adj)

A food store

Drinkable / drinking water

**A blow out** : un gueuleton

**An all you can eat restaurant** : à volonté

Sturgeon

Lump fish roe

Substitute : succédané

**Flavor enhancer** : exhauster de gout

**Ripe cheese** : bien fait

**The vehicle** : l'excipient

Gravy /éi/ : sauce with meat

Chestnut : marron

Hazelnut : noisette

**Sweet and savory tooth** : sucré et sale

*On a mission to **revolutionise** breakfast and **rid** the world of bad breakfast habits. It has the perfect **blend** of jumbo oats and oatflakes to make a healthy, delicious breakfast and a proper porridge. A great source of **slow release energy** to keep you going during the morning, and as part of a **low fat diet** and **healthy lifestyle** to help reduce cholesterol. The best breakfast **plain** with sugar. **Filling you up** and **keeping you going**. A source of **wholegrain** oats. **Helping reduce cholesterol***

To eat **à la carte**

## **FEELINGS / LOOK AND BEHAVIOR**

A song makes sb **emotional**

**Touting** : vanter les mérites

**Heartful** : chaleureux

**To have gooseflesh** = **goose pimples**

**Moving** (sight or film) = **soul-stirring** = emotional scene : émouvant

To send sb into raptures : to be **carried on by** = transporter de joie

A vain joy : une fausse joie

An **unseemly** joy : indue

A profound joy / a malicious joy/ brazen joy : insolente

**Insolent (idem) = cheeky = impertinent (idem) / adventuresome / arrogant winner / unashamed lux**

**A killjoy** : un rabat-joie

Faith will move mountains

Tear of joy / demonstration of joy

**Joyless** : sans joie

To go **wild** with joy / outburst of joy

The joy of

A **loose** woman : fille de joie

Don't show too much enthusiasm

**Drunk** with happiness : ivre de joie

Shout of joy

Jump for joy

**Wholeheartedly** = fully : à Coeur joie

**Pernickety** : pointilleux

**Picky** : exigent, tatillon

**Annoying** = fastidious

**Dumbfounded = flabbergasted = stunned = amazed = bug-eyed = be stupefied or amazed** : abasourdi

**Bewildering, flabbergasting** : ahurissant

**Staggering, appalling, stunning** : attérant, épatant

**Crushed, shattered, stricken, struck, astounded, stupefied**

To have a **crush for/on** : craquer pour qn ou qch / to have the hots, to fall to pieces / I indulged myself with a new car

It's **crunchy**, it's sweet / crunchy pastry (literal meaning, literally)

**Crushed, squashed** : écrasé

**Slovenly, untidy** : débraillé

Flies (on trousers) : la braguette

**Flyaway = scatterbrained, absent-minded** : négligé, étourdi

To be very fly : witty (to be or try to be witty) : faire de l'esprit

**Tendency for exaggeration**

**Shoddiness** : de mauvaise qualité, effiloché

Wicked games : jeux malsains : it looks a bit shabby, tatty (brit) : en mauvais état, défraichi

To look **shabby** : avoir piètre allure, avoir l'air minable / en haillons, dépenaillé, a shabby raincoat : minable, miteux, usé, rapé

A shabby trick : une mesquinerie

A shabby excuse : prétexte mesquin

Shabbyness : petitesse (de conduite)

**To be shabby genteel** : s'efforcer de sauver les apparences

**A low blow** : un coup bas

Les bas : stockings

That was below the belt : c'est un coup bas

In quick succession : coup sur coup, **tit for tat**, return blow for blow

What a **shabby way** to treat your friends : que c'est moche de ...

**in rags or ragged** : en loques / une loque : a wreck (a person), a human **wreck**, a wreck of a person

**A sloppy appearance** : négligée

**Scruffy** : ébouriffé



**Haughty, lofty** : to look down on sb : hautain

**Downcast eyes** = eyes looking down : baisser les yeux

**All-dressed up** : sur son 31

Elegant = smart = dressy = fashioner = dandyish = stylish = a gallant appearance

To have **stature** : prestance, carrure / an imposing presence

**Personable** : de belle prestance

**Alluring** : séduisant

**Swag** : du butin, avoir de l'allure

**Dashing figure** : fière allure

Fine figure : grande allure = stylish

To have style = with a lot of style

Chic : to be chic or **smart** = **to have style**

**Stately** behavior : allure imposante

posh (familier) : chic

**Casual** : (style/clothes) : décontracté / relaxed

Odd look : allure bizarre

A **sporty** look : sportive

**Brisk** pace : à vive allure

A smart **outfit** : une jolie tenue ou costume

To be **narrow-shouldered**

To be **athletic** build = athlete's build

Chic! = great! Terrific !

Bcbg : **preppy**

To be **good-looking** : handsome = fine-looking / better-looking : plus beau

**Even-looking** (sth) : unifié

**Look-alike** : ressemblant

**Evil-looking** : menaçant

**To be odd-looking** : bizarre

**A flawless** looking : sans défaut, parfait

**Ill-looking** : dégoûtant

**Inward-looking** : égocentrique

**Normal-looking**

Here's a good egg : un chic type

Understated : raffiné, sobre, élégant

To be **dawdy** : être mal habillé

**To be patronizing** : être condescendant

**To be complacent** : être complaisant

**Haughty, lofty** : hautain

Aigri : **embittered, soured**

Aigrement : **acrimony**

Aigreur : **sourness**

To look on sb as a friend

**A sensible choice** : un choix judicieux

To be sensible of the fact that : apprécier le fait que/de

To be **sensibly** dressed : porter des vêtements pratiques

**Be sensible** : soyez raisonnable

**Sensitiveness or sensitivity**: sensibilité, caractère délicat d'une question

To sensitize : sensibiliser, rendre sensible

To be **sympathetic** or understanding or compassionate : être bienveillant, compatissant

To be **sympathetic to** a cause : well disposed

To be **likeable** : être sympathique

To be approving : être favorable

**A sympathetic ear** : une oreille attentive

To find a ... / to lend a ... : prêter une oreille attentive

**A sympathetic strike** : solidaire

To have the hell of **a nerve** : un culot monstre

To have a nerve : être gonflé

**To look up to sb** : respecter, estimer qn

To look down on sb : regarder qn de haut

**To look so up** : passer chez qn

To comfort, to console os **in one's grief** : se consoler

**To console, to comfort, to solace**

That's any comfort to you

Time is a **healer**

To **get over** a loss : se consoler d'une perte

Sb soon **got over it** : vite se consoler

Avec le temps : **in the long run, in process**

**To serve, to do one's time** : faire son temps

To be old **fashioned** : démodé

Without any **fuss** : l'air de rien

To be a **scatterbrain** = **scatterbrained** = **absent-minded** : tête en l'air

A **careless** mistake : une faute d'inattention

To give oneself **airs** : se donner des airs with sb

**Idle** threats : menaces en l'air

To do as though one is doing : to appear to be

To look ... = to seem

A family **likeness** : to have a remote or a vague resemblance to

Frileux : to **be sensitive to** cold

To be **reserved** = to show reserve

**Mocking, scoffing** : moqueur

To **laugh at, to make fun of**

To cheat sb = to try it on with sb = to take sb for a ride

To be cheated at = to be or get tricked

To be **utterly indifferent to the consequences** : not to care about, not to give a damn or a hoot / I couldn't care less

***It's the pot calling the kettle black*** : c'est l'hôpital qui se moque de la charité

Mettre à nu : to lay sth or sb bare, to **strip** sb naked : mettre à nu

**Bare-headed / backless / barefoot / barefooted** : aux pieds nus / bare legged

To **strip to the waist** : se mettre torse nu

**Facetious, derisive, laughter** : des rires moqueurs

***No offense take*** : il n'y a pas de mal

***No offense meant*** : sans vouloir vous offenser

**Good works, good deeds** : bonnes actions

**Degrading or insulting** : avilissant

To **demean** : to bemean, to be **demeaning or shaming or humiliating**: s'avilir

to be humbled : être ramené à la réalité

to eat humble pie : ravalier sa fierté

to have a **rebellious streak** : avoir un côté rebelle

in good **shape**, well preserved, well kept, still in good condition

a kind soul : une bonne âme

a nun : une bonne sœur

a general help : une bonne à tout faire

to spread the good word, the gospel : la parole divine, la bonne parole

to preach to the converted, to the choir

**to advocate** a person who is already converted

to be **down in the dumps** : avoir le cafard

be **on the brink** : au bord du gouffre

on the brink of = on the verge of : sur le point de

to be on the brink of doing : à deux doigts de

on the brink of tears : sur le point de ..., au bord des larmes

**To damp** sb's spirits : décourager

**To damp** : refroidir (both meanings) / damp : humide

To break up with = To be **dumped** : to be abandoned by one's friend / to be sold at very low costs

To break out : to have burn out : to be washed out

**Dog-tired, fagged out** : être claqué

**Quirky** : original, décalé, inattendu

Rompu : **worn out** : with a wide experience of

To be **sensitive to** the cold

To be sluggish with the cold / my hand is numb : être engourdi(e)

**Soft spot**, weak underbelly, **Achille's heel**, point of **weakness** : ventre mou

To be getting a **paunch** : avoir du ventre

Softness (mastress), flabbiness (features, face), **sluggishness** (person), feebleness (protests)

**Spineless** /ai/ : mou ou molle (caractère)

**Paunchy**, **potbellied** : bedonnant

**Podgy** /pedji/ : grassouillet

**Stout** : corpulent

**Husky** : costaud

**Chubby** : dodu

**Nodding gently** : dodeliner

Flat on one's belly : à plat ventre

With fear in one's heart

To feel sick

**Unreleased**, **unheard-of** : sb unknown / **unprecedented** : sans précédent

To be **outraged or annoyed** with : être indigné de, s'indigner de

Rabaïsser : **to depreciate**, **to disparage**, **to belittle** (so, talent)

*Se rabaïsser* : to humble, to lower oneself

**Disparagement**, **depreciation** : rabaïssement

**Shady = shifty**, **suspicious**, **dubious**, **treacherous** : louche

Mutual incompatibility : incompatibilité d'humeur

Incompatibility = mismatch

**Moody** : d'humeur changeante, inégale

Moodswing : saute d'humeur

Even tempered = evennen of temper : equanimity

In a **rotten** mood : d'humeur massacrante / short-tempered : irascible / bad humoured

**Sullen** : d'humeur maussade

A joyful mood, good-humoured

**Fit of temper** : mouvement d'humeur

**Fit of anger**

A pacha, a nabab

A pariah /e/ /aia/

**Offhand** : sans gene

**To run amock** : perdre tout le controle de soi-même / se déchaîner (crowd)

Smugglers = traffickers, pedlar, peddler, dope peddler, drug trafficker

**Swindlers** : escrocs, fraudeurs = tax dodgers = tax evaders

**Sluggish** = **spineless**: lax, careless(ly), neglectful(ly), a lax person : mou, molle / **slackily** = adv

Being lax with your accounts

**To be a smooth** talker : beau parleur / douceureux, mielleux

**To be a gifted** speaker

Tense, **on edge** : être crispé

A **strained** or nervous smile

To look at sb **warily** = to give a **wary** look : méfiant

Pointy toed shoe

A pointy little beard

Pointy head : intelligent

A low **neckline** = a plunging neckline : un décolleté plongeant

A polo neck : un col-roulé

A detachable **collar** : un faux col

To have an aristocratic **pedigree**

To be **nobly born**

Noble : noblesse = **blueblood** = to be blueblooded : **lordly, nobiliary**

Noble (alimentation) : **high quality : the top of the range**

Noble (behavior) **High minded**

Sth pretty **tedious** : fastidieux

**Tepid** : timide (une action)

How to step off the **treadmill** : the tiring task : une corvée, la morne routine, le tapis de jogging

Treadmill test : le test d'effort

Treadmill : le tapis roulant

**It may spur : give spur to** = to cause, to encourage, to lead to

Sth under fire from

To let **loose over** sth : to give free reign : to run not firmly

To have **concern** about

sb in U turn on sth : ... revirement, volte-face

To tighten access to sth or sb, sth or sb hit hardest, to announce sth easing or toughening

To unfavour sb in a trial = To be **put at a disadvantage** = To be unfavourable to : to **depreciate**

To be labelled as = to be tagged as = to put a label on (pejorative)



To be **pigeon-holed** as sth : être catalogue

**To aim accurately = to score a hit = not to miss the target = to reach the target** : viser juste

**To aim at / to be aimed at**

**To ridicule oneself** : se ridiculiser / ridiculousness

**Thoughtful** = carefully thought out : sérieux, attentionné, prévenant (considerate), pensif (pensive)

**A thoughtful decision** : murement réfléchi

How thoughtful : comme c'est attentionné! / How thoughtful of you : attentionné de votre part, comme c'est gentil à vous

**Thoughtless** : irréfléchi, indelicat, inconsideré / it's thoughtless of sb to ...

**Absent-minded = forgetful, unmindful**, unobservant, distractive, : distrait

**Scatterbrained** : tête en l'air / absently : d'un air distrait

**Se distraire** : **take one's mind off things** / What do you do to take your mind off things? Go to the cinema, it will take your mind off things

**Distraire** : To keep sb amused : to entertain, to distract sb's attention

**Distrayant** : amusing, distracting

**Contrarier** : **to annoy** (facher), **to upset** (peiner) / Would you be upset if I don't come? (contrariée) / to impede, to frustrate

To be **cheated** at = to get tricked / to cheat on sb / to deceit sb

No time wasters : curieux s'abstenir

S'abstenir : **to refrain, to abstain, to forebear**

When in doubt **forebear** : dans le doute, abstiens toi.

In that case, I'd rather not : je préfère m'abstenir

Not for **the squeamish** : ames sensible ...

On the outs with sb : être brouillé avec qn

**Dogged** : tenace, obstiné, acharné

**To be affected or disturbed** : être dérangé

He's **deranged** (esprit, cerveau)

To have an **upset** stomach

To have a bit of a diarrhea

To be **of sound mind** : être sain d'esprit

**If that is all right by you = if you don't mind** : si cela ne vous dérange pas

**What is it to you?** : Et alors ça te dérange ?

**Able-bodied** = fit (en bonne santé) ≠ disabled

**Squeak** : grincer, glapir, couiner, craquer (things, animals, persons) : un cri aigu

**The squeaking wheel gets the grease** : les rouspetteurs obtiennent satisfaction

D. Beckam : **I'm all in**

I have never **come across** anything like this.

To love one's **fellowmen** : aimer son semblable

**You and your kind** (péj.) : toi et tes semblables

To make sth look **consistent**

To give a **cuddle** = to affectionate = to cuddle: faire un calin

**A caress** (calinerie) / **a stroke** (animal) / **to caress, to stroke**

The **sideburns** (barbe) : les favoris

To **calm down** people : soothing

To be in **rehab** (of drug user) : être en réinsertion

**Miserly** : avare

**Miserliness** : avarice

**Sparing with compliments** : avare de

**Jerk** = idiot : con

***It's mean, it's stiff*** : c'est balaise

A **fancy man** : coquin

He won't **hold out** : il ne tiendra pas le coup

They haven't a **clue** in fact : ne piger que dalle

To annoy so : ennerver

A **nosey-parker** : un fouineur

***To have a hell of a time of it*** : en avoir baver

To be ridiculous : avoir l'air d'un idiot

**Outlandish** : excentrique

**Relentlessly** : avec acharnement

**Fantasy** : fantastique

**Dazzling** : éblouissant

**Gentle** : doux (voice), douceur (manners), léger (touch, breeze), sans heurts (a transition), modéré (exercice), douce (a slope : une pente), à feu doux (to cook over a gentle heat), a **hint or a reminder** (une allusion)

**To use a little gentle persuasion** : utiliser la manière douce

**Gently** : gentiment, doucement, en ... douce, to simmer gently : faire cuire à feu doux

Souple : **Lenient**, supple, flexible (sb), soft, **lithe** (body and walking)

Souplesse : Liteness, suppleness, flexibility, softness

**To be quite inflexible** : manquer de souplesse

We must bring in more flexible working hours

**Source** : thermal mineral spring / to have its source in / Source of inspiration / Source of income / From a reliable source / an official source

Point : to have a lot **in common** : avoir des points communs

To come back to where one started

***So we are back to square one*** : revenir au point de depart

Point d'eau : a watering place / a water point (camping)

Exclamation point (us), mark (brit)

To make it a point of honour to do sth

Point névralgique : **a sensitive point**

**Point of no return**

**Refreshment point** : point de ravitaillement

**Refueling point** : ... en essence

A tender spot : un point sensible sur la peau

A viewpoint / (fig) a point of view

**Sales outlet** : point de vente

**Retail outlet** : (vente) au detail

**A wholesale outlet** : grossiste / a wholesaler / a tour wholesaler : un grossiste en voyages

**What's your point of view on this matter ?**

To be highly **skeptical** about sth

Mettre au point : **to develop** (a system, medicine) / **to finalize** (a project) / **to perfect** (a technic)

To finalize all the details of a matter with sb

**To issue a statement or a clarification = setting the record straight** : publier une mise au point.

## **ONLINE DATING / LOVE AFFAIR**

Love affairs = relationships = true romance

**To set up a profile**

**To sign up for free**

**To connect to sb's profile**

Young daters

Older daters

A real growth market

To happen online or **in the normal course**

**On equal level = to tie the same**

**It is recession proof = it's immune from = no impact of anything**

**An appealing (attractive)** and more affordable place to meet new people

A front of mind = a priority

To reassess one's priorities

Love at the 1<sup>st</sup> sight = at the click of a button ...

The unwillingness of consumers to ...

Mums date Dads

Christian and single

**Niche internet dating sites**

**Tailored** : sur-mesure

White label dating

Affluent dating markets

**A focus to accruing profit** in more affluent dating market

A generic software **to take care of payment processing** and customer support

A mature industry

To be (un)likely to be successful

**A differentiated dating offer(ing)**

**To erode many of the problems**

Older daters

My lovely parents site

People in their 50s and over

**To join a niche dating site**

Rise of **the tailored dating sites** : sur-mesure

Jewish singletons, Asian and Muslim and Single

Veggie Romance for vegetarians or vegans

A sugar-daddy dating

A society phenomenon / society phenomena

**8 women to every man**

Women can **join for free**

Men are expected **to pay a subscription**

To do so well : to succeed : to be successful

A lifestyle dating business

Date with a mate

To double date

Get young friends out dating together for safety and also for enjoyment

No one should be on their own in mid-life

To remarry sb = to be remarried to sb

In the normal course

Other sites clearly **enhance their saucy purpose** : polisson

Tomber sur des voyous : **to come across** rascals (les croiser)

To get one's fingers burnt / **Once bitten, twice shy** : Chat échaudé craint l'eau froide

**To drop from exhaustion / to be asleep on one's feet** : tomber de sommeil

**To Casual or occasional sites**

**Be naughty**

Flirt.com

Clickandflirt.com

Similar age group

To have similar interests

To be more relaxed in themselves about who they are and about meeting someone.

Every few months, a new online dating pops-up : appears

To advertise aggressively

Mobile apps : applications

App development

It isn't cost effective due to

**More economical = cheaper**

**Misuse : la derive**

## **Date going badly**

To communicate **with one's matches** (sa meilleure moitié, la personne de sa vie) at their own pace

## **Your significant other**

The One

## **Your absolute online dater**

Government intervention

To invest in safety measures such as ID Checks

As the **stigma (shame) surrounding** online dating continues to **subside (=to get lower)**

Companies work hard to offer personalized, safe and successful dating experiences

This is a market set to significantly grow.

A metrosexual : a mix of "metropolitan" and "heterosexual", this word has been around since at least the mid-1990s, and was 1<sup>st</sup> used to describe young urban narcissistic men who were interested in fashion and beauty.

Mobile phone users :

Couper : **breaking-up**

To reach breaking point

**Forerunner** : des signes avant-coureurs

To get through a relationship break up

To fall victim to

To be prey to ... une proie

SMS short Message Service

It has become a major communication tool



A **sexspot** : une allumeuse

Draguer : **to try and pick up**

Casser : **to break up , to split up**

Craquer : **to break out**

Un sacré dragueur : he's a great one for trying to pick up girls

Se faire draguer : some guy tried to pick her up

Quel dragueur : he's always trying to pick up girls

To be saucy : polisson

**Cheeky** : culotté, insolent, provocateur

Prévenant : considerate to / consideration

To have a great deal of appeal for sb : exercer une forte seduction

To have a crush on sb : en pincer pour

Leur operation de seduction : the charm offensive ... at the public

Une idée qui séduit : an idea that **appeals to** sb

To appeal to : plaire

To know how to use charms

What attracted you to her

**A womanizer** / a seducer / a seductress

**Attractive , appealing** : séduisant(e)

To have great charm

A woman who **has been deceived** = **It doesn't fool anybody** (= behind sb's back): c'est trompeur pour personne

**A deceived husband** : cocu

**Deception** = **deceit** = tromperie / to acquire the habit of deceit, of lying

To have an affair : tromper qn

**The ladykiller** : le tombeur

**To cheat on one's wife or husband**

To go out with = **to date sb**

**To patch things up** : to be or become reconciled

**To ditch = to drop = to split** : plaquer

To abandon, to give up

Sb gave up everything to be with sb else

To find happiness with so

To go to meet so

To come up against sth unpleasant

**What rotten luck** : quelle tuile

**Chance acquaintance** : connaissance de rencontre

**To be ill fortunate**

**To run, to come accross so** : rencontrer qn sur son chemin

Aphazard / hasardeous

To meet so's glance : rencontrer ou croiser le regard

**To come out the right moment**

**To encounter the enemy, to collide with, to run into** : tomber sur

To happen, to come at the right time

**To fall into so's clutches** : entre les mains ou les griffes de

**To come round** : reprendre ses esprits

Sb feeble minded : faible d'esprit

To fall on the enemy

To take up with sb again : renouer avec qn

To chuck everything up : tout plaquer

Craquer (les nerfs) : to break out

Craquer pour : **to have a crush on so**, to find sth or so irresistible

**An old maid**, a spinster : une vieille fille

The good old days : le bon vieux temps

To drop so = to ditch so : plaquer qn

A friend of long standing : de longue date

To split up amicably

To settle an amicable arrangement ≠ out of Court

There is too much paperwork : trop de paperasse

Une dote : a dowry

A marriage settlement

Ça tombe bien : **that's good timing ≠ bad timing**

To be on bad or good terms with sb

**To be unlucky** : être mal tombé(e)

A fortune hunter : un chasseur de dote

**To be matched, fit, tailored** : bien aller ensemble

To agree

To tally : not to agree

**Not to go well together**

To cut the umbilical cord

To run after women, to chase men or the girls

**A fine speaker, a glib talker** : un beau parleur

**A ladies'man** : un homme à femmes

**To be tied to his mother's apron strings** = to be always hanging onto one's mother's apron : être dans les jupes de sa mère

**Reckoning =criteria** : le calcul

Taking everything into account

**To work out a price** : calculer un prix

**It fits, it matches** = ça tombe juste

To be quick and **accurate at figures**

To work sth out sth, in one's head : calcul de tête

**To weigh up consequences**

To measure efforts

When date is going well ≠ to go badly

Stag party : enterrement de vie de jeune homme

D'homme à homme : man to man

Brother will turn on brother : un loup pour l'homme

La personne de sa vie : his or her other half = the only woman or man for him or her

To go halves : partager moitié-moitié

Coquin : **saucy, cheeky** : polisson, culotté, provocateur, pas froid aux yeux / **mischievous** (coquin, espiègle, malveillant), **bold** (audacieux, espiègle), playful, naughty (malveillant), malicious / **rascals** (voyous)

Bienveillant : **kindly, well-wishing, friendly, benevolent**

**To take a benign view of sth** : voir qch d'un œil bienveillant

**Benevolent neutrality** : une neutralité bienveillante

Qn de **bénévole** : noun : **volunteer** / adj : **voluntary**

## **CINEMA**

To be **fond of** = to **fancy**

A movie **buff** or fan

A film **goer** : amateur de cinema = **amateur dramatics**

**Art-house film** : film d'auteur, d'arts et d'essais

**Avant-garde films** : film d'avant-garde

**A turkey** : un navet (film) / **A lousy** /z/film / slang : a shitty film

Production, **direction**, staging, stage setting = mise en scène (ciné, theatre)

The director, **film director**, stage director (theatre) = metteur en scène

**A film critic**

**A feature film** : un long métrage

A film company, a film festival, **a film-maker or filmmaker**, **a film star**, **a film set** (plateau de tournage)

**Distribution network** : un réseau de distribution

To be **easy or hard to please** : être bon ou mauvais public

Film with **mass appeal** : film grand public

To have one's fans

**In public** : en public

The general public : le gd public

Special effects

People have had their **fill of** advertising : satur  de pub / **jammed**, heavily congested, saturated

To go off the stage : quitter la sc ne

Genre painting : sc ne de genre

Scenario : **script**, **screenplay**

Mis en sc ne par : **directed by**

Sc nariste : **scriptwriter**

The scene is set in

In the 1<sup>st</sup> scene

A headhunter : un chasseur de t tes

Withdraw, withdrawal

Remove, removal

**Regardless of sex and age** : sans discrimination de ...

**On stage and off** :   la sc ne comme   la ville

The film **broke box office records**

That beats everything :  a bat tous les records

**A record high = the biggest ever = the top ...**

**La SACEM** French body responsible for collecting and distributing music royalties

## **UPS AND DOWNS / FIGURES**

A **substantial** drop : une baisse sensible

A **slight** drop : légère

A **sharp** drop : importante

To grow **dull** : s'engourdir

The state grows fat : to spend lavishly : dépensier

**Lingering** : **remaining** : persistant (fig.)

To cut by a **third** : réduire d'un tiers

Tiers payant : direct payment by insurers of medical expenses

Tiers provisionnel : tax **instalments** (one of three **yearly payments**)

A third party **insurance** : assurance au tiers

A spending **spree** = a **frenzy** = to spend **lavishly** = to waste money = to be lax with money

Second **-tier** = second-rate : de 2nde zone

Tier : disposer en étages, niveaux (level)

Tier of seats : gradins

Multi-tier : multi-niveaux

Middle-tier : niveau intermédiaire

Grand-tier : balcon

Two-tier : à deux niveaux

A **two-tier financing** : financement à deux étages

**Two-tier society** : à deux vitesses

A two-tier increase : une hausse à 2 chiffres

10 litres aux 100 : to do 30 miles **to the gallon** = to do 30 miles per gallon

A wholly-owned subsidiary : une filiale à 100%

Hundred times worst : 100 X pire

To **pace** up and down = to walk **restlessly** up and down

To **hold** one litre : contenir

The biggest **ever**

Of **top-quality** : de 1er choix, de classe

Lower-quality = bottom quality

3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> **respectively**

A one-year **forecast**

**An entry level** = lower quality or bottom quality : bas de gamme, inférieure

To **rock bottom** : toucher le fond, être au plus bas

**Up-market** (eg. : cars, ...) = **top of the range**

A 10% **discount**

3 years' higher education : formation bac +3

To *tie for* the 1<sup>st</sup> place or for the same place

2 **to the power 5** = 2 to the power of 5 : 2 puissance 5 = To the 5 (à vérifier)

## **ECONOMY TRADE AND WORK**

Inflation-**busting** = fight against inflation

**Expense item** : poste de dépense

Bad debts : créances douteuses

Outstanding debt : créances à recouvrer

To get into debt / to be in debt : être endetté

To get out of debt

To be in sb's debt : être redevable à qn

To be in debt to sb : devoir de l'argent à qn



To repay a debt (fig) : acquitter une dette

Debt relief : allègement de la dette

Debtor / Creditor

To have a surplus or a deficit

In deficit = overdrawn (bank account) = showing a loss = insufficient (production) = short (crop) = unfavorable (balance) = negative (trade balance)

A deficit scope : une marge déficitaire = loss-making = lossmaking

Excédentaire : positive, excess, surplus, favorable

A surplus budget

Credit balance : solde excédentaire

Excess demand

Favorable trade balance

Oversupply : offer excédentaire

Overspend : dépense excédentaire

To curb inflation, ...

To curb : réfréner

**Stalling economy** : qui stagne

To grow dull : s'engourdir

**A depressed economic climate = sluggishness = sullenness = gloomy = morosity**

To be **in the dumps** : avoir le cafard

**Fallout effects = Spin-off effects**, effects, consequences : les retombées éco

To **stifle** = étrangler (figurative meaning) / to strangulate, to strangle / to grab or take sb by the throat

To **tighten one's belt**

A **recession** policy = a policy of recession

Being **lax** with your accounts : to spend lavishly

A sluggish economy or recovery : molle

To fix the economy : stabiliser l'éco

**To cut deficit**

Budget **overrun** : dépassement budgétaire

To rectify

A **rectified** current : courant redressé

To restore balance : rétablir ...

To break even : atteindre l'équilibre

The **break-even point** : le seuil de rentabilité

**On the brink of** = **on the threshold of** (the limit) : au seuil de

To make up for the losses = to catch up with

**To perk up** : redresser, revigorer

Economic **recovery** or **straightening** = **recovery** in the economy :  
redressement de l'eco

Recovery in employment levels : de l'emploi

**Recovery through** production : le redressement productif

Financing **adjustment** : redressement financier

**Repayment of back taxes** : redressement fiscal

**Restoring of** production

Reformatory : une maison de redressement

**To stop the rot** = to put **things right**, to be on **the rebound**: redresser la situation

**To straighten things out** : mettre les choses à plat, arranger les choses

Les délais : the notice

**The notice** : délai (period): at short notice (court délai), end of work (by employer) / le préavis, le conge, la demission (dismissal)

Taxed **at source**, to levy **on source**, to take **from the source** : prélever à la source

To get to the roots of evil / I have it on good authority (de bonne source) / from an American source

Without delay, within the required or allotted time (délais impartis)

The poverty line : le seuil de pauvreté

Auction : une vente aux enchères / an auction house / an auction room

An antique auction : d'objets anciens

To sell sth by auction / to put sth up for auction

To rise higher in price = to increase, soaring or staggering prices = a staggering increase in prices : hausse vertigineuse

Prize giving : remise des prix (awarding people)

A 10% discount

Staggering : attérant, renversant / écrasant (a staggering victory)

Crushing, overwhelming : écrasant

[Staggering : échelonnement (holidays)]

To file one's petition (for bankruptcy) : déposer le bilan

To do a **moonlight flit** : mettre la clé sous la porte

A flux tendus : on time basis, just in time

***To put things into perspective*** : Il faut tout relativiser

Se défouler : to liberate, to unwind

Outcome : le résultat, le bilan

**Budget overrun** : le dépassement budgétaire

A balanced budget

A **surplus** budget

A budget in **deficit**

A deterioration in the standard of living, in the state of the economy

**Social benefits** : les acquis sociaux

**(Cash) handouts = subsidy: to live off handouts** (from the state or one's parents): vivre d'aides financières, de subventions

Handouts : aumône / prospectus, photocopié

A child benefit office : la CAF

**Workpeople** = workmen : les ouvriers

The workless : the unemployed : les chômeurs

To be **dumped** : to be sold at very low costs

**A shortfall in earnings = an loss of income** : un manque à gagner / un deficit / une faille (a security shortfall)

**Break-even** : rentabilité

**Credit standing** : réputation de solvabilité

A perk : a company car, private medical insurance and other perks : avantages en nature

It's one of the perks of the job : l'un des à-côtés du poste

To perk sb'up : to cheer up : ragailardir / to perk up : redresser, revigorer

**Capital gain** = increase in value : surplus : plus value

**Expenses payable** : charges à payer

Conseil prud'hommes : **labor relations board**, industrial tribunal, employment tribune

**Labour regulations** : code du travail

**The common law** = the civil code

Les indemnités : compensations, payouts

Les versements : payments

Les allocations ou l'aide sociale : allowances, (social) benefits

Les cotisations : contributions (brit)

**Affluent** class : the wealthy = upper class

Lower class (populaire) = workers / construction workers / workmen

Farming class

Economy class : classe économique

Business class : classe affaires

A growth **failure** : une panne de croissance

Zero growth : la croissance zero

The deficit of the State, local authorities, the social security (Medicaid / Medicare in US ; NHS (brit)

Dark prospects by the IMF as regards France's **budget balance**, as worldwide growth prospects are gloomy. = are **growing dull** : s'assombrir.

Doubts on French economic commitments as even the socialists acknowledge it is impossible to **cut deficit drastically** (in such a drastic way). Some speak of the **3% trap** (gap) as it puts France into a complex situation. As maintaining at all costs this rate up to 2013 is nonsense and even dangerous. Debate over how much is relevant this 3% rule of public deficit during crisis (according to OFCE economists too). A huge effort will allow get a 3% deficit. Credibility as regards other European partners and financial markets.

Clinging on the previous target (aim, objective) allow to reassure them, so that the latter won't increase interest rates whenever France borrows money.

Jerome Cahuzac, ex-Minister of the budget, smeared (soiled, besmirched) by the tax evasion case : misuse of public money (abus de biens sociaux), (not corporate assets), embezzlement or misappropriation of funds (détournements de fonds : here ???)

Claude Bartolone, Pt of the Assemblée Nationale

### Figures about the public deficit forecasts

7,5% Irlande : the highest in 2012 according to the IMF

5,7% Spain awaited next year (in 2013)

4,7% Greece and 4,5% Portugal, two other eurozone countries the most hit by the crisis

1,3% Italy and 0,4% Germany

See what about France? Around 5%?

World record

**GRAM : Superlatives !!!** The dollar has hit **a record high** : the highest ever : the top record

Timetable (us) : emploi du temps

Schedule : programme/ Horaire / calendrier / Our schedule doesn't include ..

To bring discredit upon oneself / to discredit so

The minister breaks all the records for unpopularity

Likelihood : probabilité

That beats everything ! ça bat tous les records

Fausser le jeu : to distort

A record number of abstentions

The public arena : la scène publique

We can't **argue with** him : **discuter** avec qn / to argue that : to explain that

To argue : **se disputer**

Se surpasser ou se dépasser : **to do one's best / to excel oneself, to surpass oneself**

**To be indebted to sb** : être endetté / être redevable de

PMA (pays moins avancés) : **Low developed countries LDC's**

To **seize** = to grab

**To relinquish** = abandonner, renoncer à

To **resign oneself** to doing, to **reconcile oneself** to sth : se résigner à

Dissuader : to dissuade, **to deter / a deterrent to ≠ an incentive to**

**A prognosis** : un pronostic

**To be leveled** : égaliser , niveler

To be **torn down** : abattre, raser (a building)

**Scaremonger** : alarmiste / scaremongering : alarmisme

a **redhibitory** action, **crippling** / a failure doesn't necessarily spell the end of everything : rhédibitoire :

To **go off** stage : sortir de scène

To **cause** = to trigger, to spark, to spur, to ignite (trouble) : déclencher

To set on fire

*To add fuel to the fire*

**Outbreak** : recrudescence

To be in the **forefront** = to be at the front of the stage

To go on the **agenda** = to be **topical**

**Tepid** : timid : a **slight** improvement in the economy

Frileux : **overcautious** / to be **sensitive to** the cold

**Half measures** : des mesures timides

There will be **intermittent** sunshine in the north

**Impoverishment**

**Levying** (taxes) / removal (organ) / deduction (money) : prélèvement

Direct **debit** : prél. automatique

**Tax and social security deductions** : prél. obligatoires

In UK, the bedroom tax, for any additional unoccupied room in a Council House

**Zeroed in** = aimed at : se concentrer

To **inflame** : envenimer

To **incense**

*Apaisé* : placated, **soothed, calmed down**

A **forecasting** service

**Foresight** : prévoyance

To **axe** a tax : to suppress, to remove

George Osborne, Chancellor of the Exchequer

**Seek funding** : recherche de financement

**A parent company** : la maison-mère

**Subsidiaries** : les filiales

**Sudsidies** : les subventions



## FINANCE AND CORPORATIONS

**To refill, to refund, to bail out** : renflouer

To refill the coffers

An insider trading : un délit d'initié

**Expense item** : poste de dépense

To make a **bid** : faire une offer

To raise the **bidding** / (figurative meaning) to raise the **stakes**

Higher bid, further bid, **outbidding**, to **outbid** s.o, to **overbid**, to **bid higher** :  
une surenchère / surenchérir

**To outpace = to outstrip = to outdistance = to be ahead of = to outweigh / budget overrun** : devancer, distance, l'emporter sur, dépasser

To stand out : se detacher du lot

To put sth up for **auction**

To sell by auction

A bail out, to bail out : un renflouement, racheter

**Tax bracket** : tranche d'impôt ou d'imposition

Tax haven(s) : paradis fiscal

**Tax exemption** : niche fiscale

Tax fraud, tax rigging, tax dodging, tax evasion

**Tax dodgers, tax evaders, tax swindlers**

**Swindler** : un escroc

A **smuggler / Bootlegger / moonshiner** : contrebandier (d'alcool)

Repayment of **back taxes** : redressement fiscal

A guarantee of **repayment** : une garantie de recouvrement

**Tax collection** : mise en recouvrement

**Tax authorities** : administration fiscale

**The board or the board of directors** : le conseil d'administration

Judicial liquidation, in **compulsory liquidation** / **Personal bankruptcy** = a clearance sale (trade) / liquidation of an **embarrassing witness**

**Installments** : versements échelonnés / **payments** : versements / **part payment** : versement partiel

A **quoted value** = a **quotation** (on the Stock Exchange)

To be **quoted or listed on the SE**

**Workwise** : coté travail

**Moneywise** : coté finances

In comparison to

The odds on = **rating** : la cote de

To be very **popular** : avoir la cote

To be **highly or poorly rated**

**Unpredictable** = **unforeseeable** = **to be a loose cannon** : être imprevisible

A **leading indicator** : un indicateur de tendance

**Trend reversal** = reversal in trend : retournement de tendance

Major development : grande tendance

A **downward or upward trend**

**Deep-seated tendance** : tendance profonde

A **long-term trend**

**Economic trends** : tendances conjoncturelles

Market trend

Consumer trend

Trend curve : la courbe de tendance

## **POLITICS**

**Secretary of state**

**The deputy ...** : adjoint

**Assignment = remit** : attributions / to fall with the remit

**Expense item** : poste de dépense

**Regulated by** : regularize, réglementé, réglé

**Statutory, prescribed, regular** (a uniform) : réglementaire

**Regulation uniform** : tenue régl.

***It isn't the rules*** : ce n'est pas réglementaire

**To dismiss, a dismissal**

**Higher bid, further bid, outbidding, to outbid s.o, to overbid, to bid higher** : une surenchère / surenchérir

**To raise the bidding** / (figurative meaning) to raise **the stakes**

**One-upmanship** : faire de la surenchère électorale : to make more extravagant promises to catch votes

Political **rip-off** (fraud) or **scam** or **swindle** (ici "arnaque" au lieu de "escroquerie"): une récupération politique

**To roll in the flour** /aoue/ , **to trick, to abuse** : rouler qn

**opening speech** : discours inaugural

a **keynote** speech : discours d'ouverture

a **landmark** speech : memorable

a **speech craft** : art d'orateur

**membership** : adhesion

UE : EU (European Union)

Swindling : cheating

**Alleged or so-called** discontents : dissatisfactions

**Staggering** = **flabbergasting** : attérant, renversant / écrasant (a staggering victory)

**Second-in-command** : sous-chef

**Deputy chief clerk**

**Deputy** : adjoint

**Subalterne** : **junior, subordinate**

Chief candidate : tête de liste

(Be) **in office or ruling** : être en fonction, en exercice

**Current** president, **president in office, serving** president, **in the run, of the term**

**Incumbent** president : en exercice

président sortant : **incumbent, outgoing, exiting**

present incumbent : candidat sortant

Training **drill**, military **exercice**, fire drill (exercice d'évacuation)

To take **office** : prendre ses fonctions

Taking office : l'entrée en fonction

Date of **appointment** : date d'entrée en fonction

*In the discharge of one's duties* : dans l'exercice de ses fonctions

Accounting period (accountability and administration)

**The fiscal year, the financial year** : l'exercice

**Electoral roll** : la liste électorale

**Packing list** : liste de colistage

**List system** : scrutin de liste

Registration on electoral lists

**Cross-cutting, cross-functional** : transversal

**Cross-border or frontier** : international, transfrontalier

**Cross-community** : intercommunautaire

**Cross-party, cross-sector** : interpartite, intersectoriel, de plusieurs partis

*To stick to one's word* : to keep one's word: tenir parole

A word of honor : parole d'honneur

**A fluent speaker** : une parole facile

**A historic remark** : une parole historique

A guarantee of **repayment** : une garantie de recouvrement

Employer's social security **contributions** : les charges patronales

Social security contribution : les charges sociales

Employer security contribution : cotisation patronale

Employee contribution : cotisation salariale

Employer **payroll** taxes and insurance contributions

Capital contribution : apport en capital

Insurance contribution : prime d'assurance

**Cutting off spending** to any plan or project

Deputy head clerk, sub-committee : sous-chef de bureau

**Subcategory** : sous catégorie

**Assistant manager** : sous-direction

From a political angle

Aid plan : plan d'aide sous condition

Renunciation of the pope = **handover** : **cession, passation**

**Handover** : transfer of power

**Plurality of offices** : cumul des fonctions

**Multiple office holding** : cumul des mandats

Prohibition from holding more than one post : non-cumul des fonctions

**Rough draft** : un avant-projet, une ébauche

**A draft, a bill** : un projet de loi

**Running for Presidency**

Se détacher : **to come off, to break away**

War may **break out**

Se detacher du lot : **to stand out**

**To outdistance** = **to be or get ahead of, to outstrip**

**To outweigh** : l'emporter sur, dépasser (overtake, overrun / budget overrun)

**To have the edge** : avoir l'avantage

On the edge of town : limits

**To edge up** : progresser peu à peu

**To edge out** = a narrowly defeat : batter de peu

To edge past : se faufiler

To edge off / to take the edge off : atténuer

**to have rough edges** : des petits défauts

**to be up to it** : être à la hauteur

ejector seat

relevant = accurate / irrelevant (nonsense)

**beating out the bush** : tergiverser

evasiveness, shuffling

an **unassertive** or tepid reform : timide / timorous, timid

a **tepid** applause : timide, reserved

tepid : lukewarm / to **cool off** : tiède

**A loose consensus** : un consensus mou

To take up one's **duties** : entrer en fonction

To take up a **challenge** : relever un défi

To fail one's **commitments** : not to **meet** one's requirements

Remettre les copies : **to give out papers**

**Clarification = focusing = focus control = working out** : des mises au point

**Adjustment meeting** : reunion de mise au point

Exile : mise au ban

**Implementation** : mise en place

Directing : mise en scène (film)

Remporter la mise : **to swipe the stake**

To **unwind** : se défouler

**Pathetic = distressing** : affligeant

**Distressed** : affligé

**Inclination, impulsion, stray** : des velléités

Pleasant : appréciable

Ostentatory : ostentatoire

**On common ground(s) of value**

To **cross out** : barrer

**Blocking** the route, the path to sb

**Indictment** : mise en examen

**Uptight** = tense : tendu

**Upheaval** : dans la tourmente

**An affair of state**

Status (Head of State') : statut de chef d'Etat

**To strive towards** : poursuivre (ideal, goal)

**Arbitration, ruling** : arbitrage

**To rule out = to axe = to suppress = to forbid**

**refereeing**, a refereeing error (football)

**reactionary, backward** : rétrograde



**a dismissal / to dismiss** : une destitution de ministre

**to depose** a king / **to discharge** an officer

**to relieve sb of one's duties** : destituer qn

**to libel** = **to slander** = to smear = to soil = to besmirch : **calomnier**

**a libel** = **a slander** : une calomnie

**slanderous** : calomnieux

a cavalry : un calvaire

se maintenir : hold, withhold, remain stable, persist

To give sb **carte blanche** = a free hand

To raise objections

**To rise up against** = **to stand up for**

Voices began to rise

There's a storm **brewing**

It's part of the **current climate** : c'est dans l'air

To **live on air** : vivre dans l'air du temps

**A scratch** : une rayure

**Rubbing** : friction (frottement)

To strike a match

To **scrub** one's hands

To climb to the top of the ladder

Adverse publicity : une contre-pub

A **publicity stunt** : un coup de pub

**Misleading publicity** : mensongère

**Adverse publicity** : publicité négative par comparaison

**To smear, soil, besmirch the name of** = **slandering, libeling**  
(diffamation)

To libel, slander, besmirch sb : calomnier, diffamer

**Slandering** : diffamation, calomnie

**To argue** = to quarrel = to **squabble over** : se chamailler ≠ **to argue for** (to put the case in favor of) / **to argue that**

Counterpoint, counteroffensive, counterattack, **counter-current**,  
**counterclockwise** = anticlockwise (sens inverse des aiguilles d'une montre)

**To go against**

**Un contre-sens** : misinterprétation / to go the wrong way

**Countdown** : compte à rebours

**An hour glass** : un sablier

To take the opposite course

**A cross-examination**

To **counteract** : contrebalancer

Not to have a **clue** : être à côté de la plaque

**Dubious** (douteux) / to look dubious : dubitatif

Plaqué or : **gold-plated**

**Coated** with plastic = plastic coated

To be **drowsy** : sommeil / to be washed out : lessivé

**To plan** = **to schedule** = **to foresee** = **to look ahead**: prévoir

**In anticipation of** : en prévision de

According to my predictions

**Predictions = Predicting = foretelling = lookahead = foreseeing = envisaging :**  
les prévisions

**Foreseeable** (prévisible) = difficult to foresee

**A one-year forecast**

To take preventive methods / road safety / **budget estimate**

**Economic forecast** : prévision conjoncturelle

**Growth forecast**

**Sales forecast** : prevision de vente

Sabotage : idem / **botching**

To open the bottle of champ using a knife or a sabre : sabrer ...

**To rule out** : exclure (figurative meaning) : I'm not rulling anything out : je n'exclus rien / Murder cannot be ruled out : l'hypothèse d'un meurtre ne peut être écartée ou exclue.

**to axe** = to cut out = to suppress / To **slash** chunks (= parts) out of

To sense : flairer

A **vocational**-priesthood : un sacerdoce

Désamorcer : **to defuse** (a bomb), **to forestall** (a strike)

*Prévention is better than cure* : mieux vaut prévenir que guérir

The question is how to cut deficit **wisely** = **accurately, relevantly**

**To cling to a misguided target**

**Anxiety over** where the country is **heading**

Fighting the **wimp** factor / wimp : mauviette

An **element of surprise**

**To pin one's hopes on sth or sb**

Sur place : **at the scene, on the ground, on site / to sit in or take away**

**On the spot** : sur place, sur les lieux / immediately (sur le champ) /

**To be in a tight spot** : être dans le pétrin / **to put sb on the spot** : dans l'embarras

**to come out in spots = to be covered in spots** : se couvrir de boutons /

To put oneself **in sb' shoes** : to show empathy

To be always **fidgiting** : ne pas tenir en place

**Influential** people : les gens en place

**Seeking asylum** : demande d'asile

Syria strike decision = the decision to strike Syria

Obama's Syria strike decision aims to get Congress on the record = He seeks Syria strike with Congress' approval

Obama called advisers into Oval Office to ...

**To reverse course** on seeking congressional support : revenir en arrière, changer de décision

Une intronisation idem / enthronement / acceptance speech : discours d'intronisation

Point de vue arithmétique : arithmetically speaking

Scope = calibre = wingspan (literally) : envergure / national or international in scope

Sans grande envergure : insignificant

Des dissidents (idem) **dissidents = splinter group**

Contester le pouvoir : **to protest against = to question = to contest**

To be questioned, to be contested

Unquestionably, undisputably

To destabilise/ze or to undermine sb's position

Killing, deadly, murderous violence : violences meurtrières

Attentat : **attack, attempt**

Les sollicitations : **request, appeal, enticements**

Toutes les obédiences = **allegiance**

The lack of relief : **l'absence de relève**

Afficher ses ambitions : **to show, to display + idem** / consumed with ambition : dévoré par ...

La bérézina : **disaster / it's a bitter defeat : it's a lost cause**

S'inscrire dans l'alternance : **to be part of, to come within the scope of , to be inscribed in alternation**

Donner un coup de jeune : **a real rejuvenation**

Un coup d'accélérateur : a boost

**To consider doing** : envisager de faire

**To cover the basis** : tout envisager

Scénario nullement envisagé ... **by no means, at all** / storyline, (film) script / idem

Disaster scenario

**Use scenario** : scénario d'usage

**To seem unabashed** : ... nullement décontenancé

**Undaunted** : nullement découragé

Inverser la tendance : **to reverse, to invert**

En prévision de : **in anticipation of**

Prévoir : plan, foresee, forecast, predict

Une claque mémorable : **an outstanding** slap in the face

Claquer la porte : to slam the door

Sous un vocable valorisant : **positive, worthwhile, valorising / developing, pricing**

1<sup>er</sup> couac : wrong note, hitch, clinker

A ditch : un fossé / **to ditch or drop or break up with a friend** : plaquer / **to ditch a policy : to cancel, to drop**

S'inscrire dans l'opposition : **to be part of, to apply for, to join**

S'inscrire en nette baisse : **to come in significantly lower**

**To hold back its criticism** : ménager ses critiques

**A critical path = a critical point**

**To seethe with impatience** : = to burst with = to look forward to : bouillir d'impatience

Impatience : idem

**To save one's strength** : ménager ses forces ou ses peines

**To register to** University = **to enroll at** University

L'impatience de l'armée

Les rouages clés du système : **the machinery of** State / administrative machinery = **cog = gear wheel**

Inscrire dans la constitution : to note down, to write down, to put down

To budget for sth : inscrire dans le budget

Se laisser séduire par la nouvelle étoile montante : **to get enticed = to let oneself be won over by** the rising star

**To seduce, to lure, to entice, to appeal, to lure back** : séduire ou attirer de nouveau

Face aux atermoiements des partis : **prevarication, temporizing, foot-dragging over sth**, procrastination

Avoir une incidence directe sur : **an effect or an incidence or an impact**

Redouter un scénario à l'Algérienne : **to fear for** an Algerian-like scenario

Repousser l'échéance : **to postpone or put back the deadline**

**Ardently enthusiastic** : tout feu tout flemme

Remettre aux calendes grecques : **to postpone indefinitely** = never in a month of Sundays = to put sth back

**Everything goes hunky-dory (slang)** : tout va pour le mieux

**Foul weather** : temps pourri

C'est mignon chez les autres at others' place

Donner du baume au Cœur : **it puts new heart into you = it warms the heart**

**To catch a chill** : attraper froid

Refroidir les ardeurs : (literally) **to dampen = to cool the enthusiasm = to temper passion**

Etre censuré : **to be censored / board of censorship**

**Censorship of the press**

**Vote of non confidence** = vote of censure : une motion de censure

To censor

To lift censorship : lever la censure

Les instances : **body or bodies, committees, leaders of a party, EEC authorities**

## **LAW**

To repeal /i/ /i/ : abroger

To repel /i/ /é/ = to disgust : dégouter/ the enemy : repousser

To ratify / to promulgate

**Action for libel** = a **libel** action : action en diffamation / to libel / libelling

To **convict** : to charge = to blame = to prosecute = to sanction

A **conviction** : une condamnation (in court)

Une sentence : idem

Law **enforcement** : l'application de la loi

Labor **regulations** : le code du travail

Labor law : le droit du travail

The civil code = the **common law**

**Enforcement** : application

**Statements** = **assessments** : des déclarations

**Proceedings against sb**: des poursuites judiciaires

Parliament proceedings



**A prosecution : a trial**

**Action for libel = libel action = libel proceedings**

**To charge or prosecute sb with sth = to blame**

Criminal or penal law

Criminal business law : droit pénal des affaires

Criminal financial law : droit pénal des finances

Breach of **trust**, betrayal : abus de confiance

**Embezzlement or misuse of corporate assets** or misuse of **public money**: abus de biens sociaux

**Misappropriation** of funds : détournements de fonds

A **confidence** trick, a confidence game or abuse of authority : abus d'autorité

Abuse of power

Drug, alcohol, sexual **abuse**

Misuse of language : abus de langage

**Infringement** of ownership : abus de jouissance

A **misuse of company or corporate assets** : abus de biens sociaux

A golden parachute

To launch a criminal **proceeding** : poursuivre au pénal

**To rely : to trust, to be confident** (on)

**Over-reliance** : une confiance exagérée

A lawyer specialized in **criminal law** : spécialiste en droit pénal

A criminal **indictment** : une mise en examen au pénal

A misuse of credit : abus de crédit

Criminal **record** : le registre pénal

To swell up : enfler (une affaire)

To go down : désenfler

À cor et à cri : to **clamour** for sth/sb

**Abuse of power** : abus de droit, abus de faiblesse

**Breach of trust** : abus de confiance

**Indictment** : la mise en examen

To be indicted for : to be charged with

Bait : appât

**Misuse of company assets** : abus de biens sociaux

**Criminal court** : tribunal pénal / en correctionnelle

**A district court, a magistrates' court** : un tribunal correctionnel

The assizes, Assize Court

Supreme Court : la cour de cassation

Court of appeal

Excessive smoking : abus de tabac

A criminal trial or case / a case before ...

A delay, **a respite, to reprieve from** execution : un sursis

To give a suspended prison sentence of one year

Conscript provisionally **exempted** : sursitaire

To release s.o **on bail** : mettre qn en liberté surveillée

Under house arrest : assignation à résidence

To pay a **deposit** : verser une caution

To **lock** s.o under lock and key

**A bail, a guarantee, a security, a deposit** : une caution

To be released on bail : libérer sous caution

To stand bail for sb : payer la caution de qn

A bank guarantee / a parental guarantee / a personal security

A commission of **inquiry** , a board of inquiry, a parliamentary inquiry

**An offence, offense (US) : une infraction**

Delit ou peine correctionnel(le) : minor offense

Ecole correctionnelle : **approved school**

To constitute an offence

**A serious offence** : une faute lourde

**A minor offence** : un délit correctionnel

An offence **punishable by** : une infraction passible de

**A penalty** : une peine correctionnelle

**An insider trading** : un délit d'initié

An appearance based **prejudice** : un délit de sale gueule, de faciès

A hindrance to justice, an obstacle, an obstruction to : une entrave à la justice

**Hindering, hampering, obstructing** : to prevent things to be solved or cleared up

To clear out : to suppress

To be stymied or stifled : être entravé (sens propre)

To be an impediment to

Freely : sans entraves

**Trade barrier** : entrave au commerce

Distortion or restriction of competition : entrave à la concurrence

**A constraint to freedom of expression**

**To put a strain on sth or sb** : mettre la pression

**A strain (med)**: une entorse

**To strain** : peser sur, mettre à l'épreuve : These increases have strained the resources of the poorest countries.

**A statutory offence** : une infraction à la loi

**A thought crime** : un délit d'opinion

**To offend = to commit an offence** : une infraction

**To offend** : offenser

**To offend against** : enfreindre

**to take offence at** : s'offenser

**A second offense, recurrence / recurring** : une récidive

**No offense take** : il n'y a pas de mal

**No offense meant** : sans vouloir vous offenser

**Unnatural offense** : crime contre nature

**Driving offense** : infraction au code de la route

**Offense against public decency** : attentat aux mœurs

**Common decency, good morals, good social behavior** : bonnes mœurs

**Good works, good deeds** : bonnes actions

**Affront to public decency** : outrage aux bonnes mœurs

**A perjury** : a betrayal

**To commit perjury** : to be faithless

**A case of perjury** : **oath breaking**

**To perjure oneself**

An **oath breaker**, a faithless person, a traitor

To blaspheme against

Blasphemer

Blasphemous

A code of conduct

In flagrante delicto = to be caught **red handed, blatant, in the act**

To be **discharged** = to acquit sb : être acquitté

**Accumulative** sentence = sentences to run consecutively : cumul des peines

**Accumulation** : cumul

**Combination** of offences : cumul d'infraction

**On bail** : en liberté provisoire

**Released on bail** : liberté sous caution

**On probation** : liberté surveillée

**On parole** : liberté conditionnelle

**Under house arrest** : en résidence surveillée

A **community work** : travail d'intérêt général

**Remission** of sentence : remise de peine

To **discharge sb** : acquitter

To unfavour sb in a trial

To be put at a **disadvantage** = to disadvantage, to unfavour, to disfavour

To be unfavourable

Regulated by : regularize, réglementé, réglé

**Statutory, prescribed, regular** (a uniform) : réglementaire

**Regulation** uniform : tenue régl.

***It isn't the rules*** : ce n'est pas réglementaire

Unconvincing excuse : excuse peu vraisemblable

Probable, **likely**, **conceivable**, hardly to be expected that

**The blunt truth** : la vérité crue

**To blur the boundaries of** : brouiller les frontières

In all probability = in all likelihood

Un amalgame : mixture, hotch-potch / to confuse with sth

**Accuracy, punctuality, accurately** : l'exactitude

Une rechute : a **relapse**

To mix with = to flirt with danger

To splash (literally) / to be **smeared** by the scandal / **to smear, soil, besmirch sb's reputation**

**Compulsory liquidation** : liquidation judiciaire

To be put into receivership : redressement judiciaire

**To shup up shop** : clé sous la porte

**A turnkey solution or factory** : clé en main

To **sort** out = to get one's situation **sorted** out : ***régulariser***

Favor or favour : ***passee-droit***

**Exclusive preserve** : chasse gardée

***Private trespassers will be prosecuted***

To show restraint = to hold on to sth : se retenir

**Reserved** : réservé / **quite openly** : sans réserve

He got or was sentenced to a 2 year imprisonment / he got **2 hours' detention (education)** : 2 heures de colle

*What is bred in the bone, comes out in the flesh* : chassez le naturel, il revient au gallop

**Soliciting** : racolage / to solicit for clients

**The culprit** : le coupable / adj : guilty

Not to have **intended or planned to** ... = prémédité

Premeditated : premeditary = **with intent** = **malice aforethought** = **at 1<sup>st</sup> degree** = **aggravated murder**

To be charged with

**Manslaughter** : homicide (idem)

**Mugged** (trans. Verb) : agressé, braqué / to be mugged

**Dredge** : déterrer (a case)

**Ugly mugged** : une sale gueule

**Offence** (brit), **offense** (us) : un délit, une infraction

**Appearance-based prejudice** : délit de faciès

Violation of the **common law** : de droit commun

Violation of the **press laws** : de presse

**A hit an run offence** = failure to stop after an accident =: délit de fuite

**Forgery** : délit de contrefaçon

**Insider trading or dealing** : délit d'initiés

**Arrest on the grounds of** non-standard appearance

Faciès : idem

Soupçon : suspicion / person above all or any suspicion / he is under serious suspicion / to have one's suspicious about / one's wife or husband soon became suspicious

Un soupçon d'assaisonnement, maquillage, vulgarité : a hint

Un soupçon de vin : a drop

## **POLITICAL CRISIS / DEFYING / MISTRUSTING POWER**

Brutale éruption de violence : outburst

Signe de mauvaise augure : **of ill-omen**

### **To augur well for the future**

Demander vengeance : (idem) **vengeance or revenge or retaliation**

Craindre de nouveaux affrontements : **confrontation**

Bataille imminente : (idem) **imminente or impending**

Eviter un embrasement général : **unrest, stirring**

Un appel à défier l'armée : **a call for challenging ...**

Clore lapolémique : **to end up controversy**

**To extradite** : extraditer

### **Country of origin**

Se montrer prudent : to be cautious

### **Keen competition**

Faire tache d'huile : to spread

Un bon élève du printemps arabe

Un fossé idéologique : ideological gap

Au lendemain du coup d'Etat militaire : **in the days following, in the wake of**

**Bright prospects**



**A rosy future**

Solder la révolution au Caire : **to sell off**

**To end it** : se solder par

Le spectre d'un destin à l'Égyptienne : the spectrum of an Egyptian-like fate

Connaitre le même scénario en Tunisie : (idem)

Différente configuration en Algérienne : (idem) **configuration or layout**

Résistance des Frères musulmans : **Stamina, resistance**

Il manque des ingrédients fondamentaux = fundamentals = **fundamental ingredients**

**Basic rights** : droits fondamentaux

A **precursory** symptom : précurseur

*Montrer de nouveaux symptômes (**symptom**) du mal dont souffre l'Égypte post-Moubarak avec le chômage galopant (**exploding = runaway**) et le tourisme sinistré (**stricken**), l'inflation vertigineuse (**dazzling, vertiginous, dizzying**) qui rendent le quotidien difficile. La Révolution de 2011 avait surtout des racines sociales.*

**The dizzy heights of** : les sommets vertigineux

Mettre en garde : **to warn**

Sara Ben Hamadi, blogueuse de la Révolution tunisienne est devenue journaliste

*Point commun après la chute (**collapse**) des dictatures, les Frères musulmans ont pris le pouvoir (**to seize power**). Ennahda en Tunisie. Rien n'a changé sur le plan des libertés (from the point of view of, as far as ...). Un fossé idéologique entre les deux Tunisie. Le processus démocratique patine (**spinning**).*

**The clutch slips** : l'embrayage patine

**The wheels of the car spin**

Mettre en valeur le dialogue : **to highlight**

**on the grounds of** : pour des raisons de

*La nouvelle constitution n'est toujours pas arrivée (not ready yet)*

*De report en report, les élections s'éloignent comme un mirage. Impatience de la population. Appels à la mobilisation sur les réseaux sociaux.*

*Delphine Batho, Ministre limogée : « je devrais démentir (ses propos incriminés = **offending**) ou partir ».*

*Y aller fort (**straight to the point, to go a bit far**), régler ses comptes, une crise de protestation. Elle ne s'est pas contentée (**not put up with= be happy with = to content oneself with**) de dévoiler(**to unveil, to disclose**) les coulisses(backstage) de son renvoi (dismissal). La sortie est de trop (too much).*

**To go easy** : y aller mollo

Service d'ordre surchargé, agacé : **irritated, annoyed**

## **ETHICS AT WORK**

Avantages alléchants : attractive, mouth-watering

Des frais de recrutements : expenses due to recruitment or recruiting

Chèrement formés ou payés = dearly bought

Prime de participation : bonus, allowance, premium (insurance, bank)

Délégué du personnel : staff representative

Danger money : prime de risque

**The ban applies to = to forbid = to be forbidden... ≠ to lift the ban on ... = to be allowed**

*Homosexuals are threatened by the decision of the Boy Scouts. To lift this ban as this means when a scout turns 18, the rule suddenly prevent him from serving the very same organization he was just part of.*

Un défouloir : an outlet, a release, an escape valve

Flagging popularity : popularité en baisse

A decline or fall or decrease or a drop in rates = a lowering or reduction of rates

To drop = to lower

A worsening eyesight : une vue qui baisse = dimmed vision

To turn down the heating : baisser le chauffage

To lower the arms or give up the arms : baisser les bras

What's wrong with = **what are the odds of** a US strike against Syria? : qu'est ce qui cloche avec/dans ...

## **SOCIETY / FAMILY**

**Care, coverage, handover** : une prise en charge

Handover : prise en charge, transfert, cession, passation (des pouvoirs)

A limited handover

*To rent a house with immediate vacant possession*

**Retrieval, retrieving** : recuperation

**Compensation time off** : jour de récupération

Erosion in purchasing power, a loss of purchasing power : dégradation du pouvoir d'achat

A deterioration in the standard of living, in the state of the economy

**Seek reimbursement = refunding : demande de remboursement**

**Social benefits** : les acquis sociaux

**A child benefits office** : la CAF

Workpeople = workmen : les ouvriers

The workless : the unemployed : les chômeurs

**Staggering** : attérrant, renversant

[Staggering : échelonnement (holidays)]

**To have a long weekend** : faire le pont

**To rise by degrees, by successive stages**

**The step or the grade of a ladder**

**To climb up the social ladder** ≠ to go down

The social ladder : l'ascenseur social

**The glass ceiling** : le plafond de verre

An annuitant (par rapport à la rente viagère) : **a person of private means, a person of independent means** : un rentier

A small annuitant (de la rente viagère), **small renters, fund-holder, fundholders**

**Foncier** : of land / real estate = landed property

**Land tax / land bank**

**Ground rent** : rente foncière

**Deep-seated** : foncièrement

**Council House** (brit) : HLM

**Council flats** (brit) : cité HLM ; **Council projects** (us)

**Council Estate** (brit) : la cité

**City or town Council** : Conseil municipal

**Local authorities** : les collectivités locales

**Housing Estate** : l'immobilier

Les indemnités : **compensations, payouts**

Les versements : **payments**

Les allocations ou l'aide sociale : **allowances, (social) benefits**

Les cotisations : **contributions (brit)**

Les cotisations à la Sécu : **National Insurance Stamp**

**Welfare** = well-being (bien être) / **social security** : les aides sociales, les prestations sociales / les allocations familiales

**Welfare** = **Social insurance or security** = health services = national insurance = la sécurité sociale

**Welfare payments or benefits** : les prestations sociales

**Welfare** = child(ren) benefit : les allocations familiales, uptake of child benefit

**Uptake** = coverage, care = prise en charge

**Family allowance or benefit**

**National insurance contributions (taxes)** : les cotisations sociales

**French public welfare system** : la sécu

The welfare system = socialized medecine

**National insurance scheme** : le régime de sécu

**General social security system**

**Welfare reform** : la réforme de la sécu

**Social security shortfall** : la faille du système de sécu

The deficit or the gap in the social security budget

**Welfare service : le service social**

Tiers payant : direct payment by insurers of medical expenses

Tiers provisionnel : tax instalments (one of three yearly payments)

To cut by a third : réduire d'un tiers

Third party claim : réclamation d'un tiers

**The social security ceiling**

**Social security office : la caisse**

**Family allowance office or fund : la caisse des allocs familiales**

**Social welfare : protection sociale**

**Social welfare bodies : les organismes sociaux**

**Welfare and pension scheme : système de protection sociale et de retraite**

**Welfare expenditure, costs, spending : les dépenses sociales**

Social insurance number : le numéro de sécu

National insurance number : le numéro d'immatriculation à la sécu

Infant welfare service : service de protection infantile

Education welfare officer : assistante sociale scolaire

**Welfare worker : assistante sociale**

**Welfare work : travail social /Welfare officer or worker /assistant(e) social(e) / welfare mother / welfare hotel**

**Animal welfare : la protection des animaux**

**Welfare recipients : allocates, beneficiaries, payees**

Child **benefit** or family allowance is **given irrespective of income**:  
indépendamment de

**The services of Planned Parenthood**

**State Health care (or coverage) = medical care or expenses** : l'assurance  
maladie

**The claim form** : feuille de soins

**State health insurance office** : la caisse primaire d'assurance maladie

**Health insurance plan** : régime maladie

**sickness benefit** : prestation maladie :

**Compulsory retirement** : départ forcé en retraite

**Compulsory redundancy** : au chômage

To be diagnosed

**Covering of medical costs** : prise en charge des soins

**Uptake = handover, coverage, care, support** = prise en charge

**Handover limit** : limite de prise en charge

**Supplementary pension contribution** : cotisation retraite  
complémentaire

**Welfare recipient** : rentier de l'assurance sociale

**Contribution level** : tranche de contributions

**Tax basis** : l'assiette de l'impôt, d'imposition

**Tax bracket** : tranche d'imposition

**A life of ease** : une vie de rentier

**Assegnee, person entitled to or eligible for** : les ayants-droits

## **Beneficiary, recipient, allocatée, payée**

**Overlapping benefits** : cumul des prestations

**Inheritance** (family) : le patrimoine

**Heritage, assets, holdings, national heritage** : le patrimoine

**A dowry** : a marriage portion : une dote

**Alimony, maintenance allowances** : a living allowance : une pension alimentaire

**A fortune hunter** : un chasseur de dot

**A natural child** : enfant légitime

**Bring up the hard way** : élevé à la dure

**Orphanage** = house for orphans

Allegations of child abuse in orphanages

**An abandoned child** : enfant de la DASS

**A blended family** : une famille recomposée

**A single parent family**

**A stay-at-home mother** : une mère au foyer

**A single-mother** : mère célibataire

**To reconcile both lives** : as a mother, as a career woman = a double career woman

To cohabit with sb

**A godsend** : un don du ciel

To trend towards couples living together

**Cohabitation** : le concubinage

FIV : egg donation (avec don d'ovocyte), In vitro **fertilization** = IVF

PMA : Medically assisted procreation MAP



PMA (pays moins avancés) : **Low developed countries LDC's**

**Retirement = to retire = to be retired = to pension sb off**

**Compulsory retirement** : mise à la retraite (d'office)

To take **early** retirement : retraite anticipée

Social security system

Régime vieillesse : **pension scheme**

Régime maladie : **health insurance scheme (brit) or plan (us)**

Marriage settlement / to opt for a marriage settlement based **on joint ownership of property / on separate ownership of property**

Extended maternity (paternity) **leave**

Maternity leave

To **deduct a sum from a salary**

To **withdraw** what was said / to **retract**

To **hold sth in trust** : avoir qch en depot

**Liquidation** : en depot de bilan

**Paid holidays (brit), vacation (us)**

**School holidays (brit), vacation (us)**

**Acquired or granted benefits** : les acquis sociaux

**Banning or outlawing prostitution**

**The abolitionist stance** : **position**

To have a consensus on, the fine on, the bill on, the position on

**A fine on clients of prostitutes**

**The non-binding resolution** ≠ **A binding resolution** : exécutoire

**A cross-party commission**

No consensus on this subject in France

Supporters signs like ...

**Is it an incentive to ... or a deterrent to ...**

**To be aware of ... : to acknowledge, to know about / to reckon**

The exploitation of prostitution ≠ **to endorse (endorsement), to implement (implementation) / law enforcement** = l'application de la loi

**To slam a parliamentary report : to repeal /i i/ = to reject ≠ to endorse**

To criminalise (sex) clients : to combat violence and exploitation (**fight for or against, face up with, stand for, rise up against**) = to fine them heavily with imprisonment (leur faire payer une amende) ≠ to allow (autoriser, permettre)

The law is aimed at curbing a manner of "dress and attitude" (lowering, reducing, cutting)

**To avoid advertising (= to conceal, to dodge, to elude) ≠ to enhance, to put forward, to praise, to highlight, to stress) sexual services**

## **ENVIRONMENT / SCIENCES / MEDICAL FIELD**

**Gimmicks** : mode, nouveautés, gadgets

**Tethering** : Connexion réseau via un modem sans fil

**To log on, to hook up** = to connect oneself = to get connected = to get on the wire = to get wired: se connecter

**Research department** : un bureau de recherches

**Bureau d'études** (idem)

**Seek test** : test de recherche

**Seek funding** : recherche du financement

A **dummy seek** : une recherche fictive

**Economics for the dummies** : pour les nuls

**Seeking asylum** : demande d'asile

**Seek reimbursement** : demande de remboursement

**Seek reassurance** : chercher à obtenir des garanties

**To argue over / To strike back**

**The fallout** (pesticides, herbicides /ai/= side effects, the aftermath : les retombées, les repercussions

**Depleted / to deplete / depletion** Epuisable, limité :

**Inexhaustible** : inépuisable

Environmental soil **assessment** : diagnostic pollution des sols

Asbestos and lead **assessment** : diagnostic amiante et plomb

Expert opinion : diagnostic d'un expert

**Leading edge = cutting edge** : de pointe, d'avant-garde

To make a **diagnosis**

A rubbish **dump** = a garbage dump : an awful place : an uncontrolled dump site :  
une décharge (sauvage), un taudis

**To be dumped on** : To be abandoned

**To rid = to get rid of** : to abandon /to dump one's friend

**A shanty town or shantytown** : un bidonville

A slumdog : un chien de bidonville (personne aussi)

**Climatic upheaval** : it has affected the weather : dérèglement climatique

Grassland : la prairie

**Greenhouse** : serre

Orphan disease : maladie orpheline

**Ground waters** : les nappes phréatiques

Hormone unbalance

**Genetic heritage**

Genetic abnormality

**Genetic ingeneering** : manip génétique

**Genetic injury** : altération

**Inheritance study** : étude génétique

**Pests** : les nuisibles , les ravageurs

Pest control : la lutte contre ...

Undernourished / undernourishment

**On antibiotics**

**Fuel crisis** : la crise énergétique

**Fuel** : combustible, carburant

Fuels such as coal and oil

**To fuel = to provide = to supply** : alimenter

**Fuel value** : valeur calorique (méd)

Aviation fuel = jet fuel : kérosène

Diesel fuel : gazoil

Fuel oil : mazout ou fuel

Fuel gas : gaz combustible

**Fuel efficiency** : le rendement énergétique

**Output** (également « production »), **yield**, efficiency : le rendement

Fuel saving : économise l'énergie

**Fuel-efficient** : économique

**Fossil fuel** : combustible fossile

Fuel pump : pompe d'alimentation

Fuel cell : pile à combustible

Lighter fuel

**Fuel tank** : réservoir de carburant

**Fuel injection engine** : moteur à injection

Fuel injection : injection de carburant

Nuclear fuel : combustible nucléaire

**Premium fuel (brit), premium gasoline** : super / essence super

**Mains Gas** : le gaz de ville

Gas : gaz / gasoline (us) : pétrole

Gas cooker

Gas chamber

**Gas (fired) central heating**

**Gas fired** : au gaz

**Gas fire** : radiateur à gaz

Gas lamp

Gas lighter : allume gaz

**Gas cylinder** : bouteille de gaz, bonbonne

**Oil (lubricating)** : huile / pétrole (brit. Petroleum) = gas(oline) in US/ the North Sea Oil

**A towing truck** : une dépanneuse : a breakdown van or lorry or truck

**In tow** : véhicule en remorque

To give so **a tow** : remorquer

To be **towed away** : être mis à la fourrière

**The pound** : la fourrière / the car pound : la fourrière automobile/ the animal pound : la fourrière animale

**A wrecker (US)**

A breakdown mechanic : un dépanneur

**A repair man, a troubleshooter (us) / to troubleshoot (us)**

He **got** my car, tv **going again**

To help out, to get so out of a hole

To repair, do running repairs on (broken down engine or car)

Car has been **towed away by the police** : saisi

To take a car **in tow** , to be **on tow** : en remorque

**To clamp a car** : mettre un sabot à une voiture

To have family in tow : trimbaler sa famille

A tow line : un cable de remorquage

**A ski tow** : un remonte pente / **cross-country skiing** : ski de fond / **ski touring** : de rando

Stiffness, tiredness : courbatures / to be aching, all over, stiff : tout courbaturé

To suffer from **strain, pulling** : un claquage, une entorse

**Consumer electronics** : les appareils électroniques

**Desensitization** : desensibilisation (med)

Running out of **steam** = slowing because you are **breathless** / **breathlessness** = essoufflement, essoufflé, plus de souffle

**A blood test** = to take a blood sample

**To pull up GMOs** = **to remove** : arracher / weeds (mauvaises herbes)

**to pull out** : hair

**a have a tooth out**

**to tear out** : pages

**to tear off** = **to take off** a shirt : enlever

Antitheft / a steering lock (au Volant)

Stain-repellent : anti-taches

Shockproof : anti-choc

**Waste waters** : eaux usées

To take the waters : prendre les eaux

**To fall through** : to be cancelled : tomber à l'eau / our plans have fallen through

Territorial waters

Stagnant waters

**Household waste waters**

**Water treatment**

**Sweet water** = **fresh water** : eau douce

**Freshwater fish** = river fish : ... d'eau douce

Fresh water drowning : fatal or mortal or lethal incident in a lake

***Sheer madness*** : folie douce

### About electric cars

*The hydrogen car uses **fuel cells** to convert hydrogen to electricity and **emits (releases)** only heat and water into the air. The electric car, 1<sup>st</sup> widely available since 2011, uses an engine **powered by (to be fueled or provided with)** electrical energy **stored** in batteries.*

## **SOME COMPOUND WORDS** (les mots composés)

The importance of English

The invasion of privacy = privacy invasion

The state of the planet

The world of work

The corporate world

Fair trade

Medical progress

The high-tech age

Extreme sports

Africa's major challenge

Space exploration

Museum entry

Home-schooling

High-speed society



Household chores

An only child

Sunday trading

Environmental awareness

Global warming

Renewable energy sources

The economic system

Stay at home women

Young people's problems

Urban transport

Road safety

Animal rights

Human rights

The pursuit of happiness

Pleasure-seeking

Women's mistreatment or maltreatment

Stay-at-home = homebird = homebody (US) : casanier

Gun violence

City life

Farm life

## **Character flaws**

## **Personal qualities**

Trendy fashions

Health condition

The natural world

Organic food

Air pollution

Job hunting

The job market

Fine arts : les beaux-arts

## WITH OR WITHOUT PREPOSITIONS

*Going global*

*Praise and criticism*

*Growth in biofuels*

## SENTENCES

About travel advice : something not in line with reality eventhough it could may well be so ... (=offbeat, far out)

*I love this travel advice on how much equipment you can bring over for your holiday (on an island ...). Naturally, there is a limit to the amount of luggage we can carry on the boat, but the following may enhance your experience : Pair of binoculars, camera, art materials, fishing rod (device to fish), musical instruments, not too big, no pianos please.*