

1 CHILDHOOD

la maternité, la paternité = parenthood
parents adoptifs = foster parents
famille monoparentale = one-parent family
filleul = godchild / godson / god-daughter
un enfant unique = an only child
belle fille/fils = son/daughter-in-law (gendre/bru), stepdaughter/stepson (remariage)
un petit fils = a grandson
les frères et soeur = the siblings
vrais jumeaux = identical twins
les liens = bonds
familial (adj) = family (eg family love)
aimant = caring
l'initiation à = initiation into
patience = patience
privation = deprivation > to deprive of
punition = punishment
élever = raise
gâter, céder à = to indulge sb
chouchouter, dorloter = to pet
compréhensif = understanding, comprehensive = complet
turbulent, bruyant = boisterous
dur, sévère = harsh, severe
sournoiserie = slyness
bouderie = sulkiness > faire la tête = to be/look sulky
espieglerie, malice = mischief
méchanceté = malice, nastyness, maliciousness, meanness, viciousness
entêtement = obstinacy, wilfulness. Entêté, volontaire = wilful
opiniâtreté = stubbornness
obéir à qqn = to obey sb
effronté, insolent = cheeky
désobéissant = disobedient
rebelle (adj) = rebellious, rebel
une toupie = a spinning top
une marionnette = a puppet
un soldat de plomb = a tin soldier
assembler, monter (jouet) = to put together
démonter = to take apart
tirer, remorquer = to tow (tow truck = depanneuse)
traîner = to hang around (fig > to hang around)
un dé = a die
flechettes = darts

gribouiller, griffonner = to scrawl (pour un enfant), to sketch (ébauche)
une devinette = a riddle (poser = to ask a riddle)
une panoplie = an outfit
déguisement = fancy-dress
s'avouer vaincu = to give in. "I give in" = je donne ma langue au chat
faire semblant (2 façons différentes de le dire) = to pretend (+ing), to make believe
formateur = formative, instructive
bac à sable = sandpit
toboggan = a slide
un cerceau = hoop
billes = marbles
la marelle = hopscotch
le saute mouton = leap-frog ("to be leapfrogging", cf. presse)
un manège = a merry-go-round
fête foraine = a fun fair
trébucher = to stumble (a stumbling block = a bone of contention)
vaciller = to teeter
sautiller = to hop, to skip
poursuivre = to chase
diriger (qqch vers...) = to direct
joueur (adj) = playful
agité = restless
téméraire = reckless (a reckless driver = chauffard)

More words

Boy scouts / Girl guides
a pantomime = spectacle traditionnel où les acteurs se travestissent
Common fairy tales : Little Red Riding Hood, Tom Thumb, Puss in boots, The ugly duckling, Snow White and the seven dwarves
un chouchou / une chouchoute = a blue-eyed boy/girl
"un petit garçon à sa maman" = a mother's boy
/ !\ (FA) a sister (Brit.) peut vouloir dire une infirmière en chef
"kid" is colloquial
faire le jeu de qqn = to play into sb's hand
jouer sa carte maîtresse = to play one's ace
"Like father, like son". "It runs in the family" = "C'est de famille !"

2 EDUCATION

fréquenter l'école = to attend school
avoir cours d'Histoire = to have a History class
une nourrice = a child minder
une école maternelle = a kindergarten (US), a nursery school
un élève de maternelle = a preschool child
mettre un enfant à la crèche = to put a child into daycare

un parti dissident = a splinter party
 un programme = a platform
 une position = a stance, a position
 inciter = to urge, to induce
 mettre en doute = to question
 renier = to disown
 virer à = to swing to
 la candidature = candidacy
 se présenter à des élections = to run for office, to stand as a candidate
 prendre un bain de foule = to press the flesh
 flatter les électeurs = to woo voters
 un abstentionniste = a stay-away voter
 un vote de protestation = a protest vote
 participer = to turn out
 truquer = to rig
 être élu à un poste = to win office
 les délibérations = the proceedings
 abroger une loi = to repeal a bill
 un remaniement = a reshuffle
 income tax / property tax = sur le revenu / foncier
 frauder le fisc = to dodge/to evade taxes
 ministre des finances = chancellor of the Exchequer (GB), secretary of the treasury (US)
 ministre de la justice = the Lord Chancellor (GB), the Attorney General (US)
 ministre de l'intérieur = the home secretary (GB)
 ministre des affaires E = the foreign secretary (GB), the state secretary (US)
 enquêter = to hold an inquiry
 fouiller un endroit = to search a place
 enfermer qqn = to lock sb up
 dénoncer qqn = to inform against sb, to give sb away
 tribunal = lawcourt
 procureur = the public prosecutor
 assignation à comparaître = a subpoena (US)
 porter plainte contre qqn = to lodge a complaint against
 poursuivre en justice = to take/ to sue sb to court
 engager des poursuites = to take proceedings against
 l'erreur judiciaire = miscarriage of justice
 rendre un verdict = to return a verdict
 une mutinerie = a mutiny
 remise de peine = a reprieve
 la récidive = second offence (récidiver = to repeat an offence)
 condamner à la prison = to sentence to prison
 purger une peine = to serve a sentence

More words
 Check and balances in the US constitution

la cour des comptes = the court of audits
 la PAC = the CAP
 la voie royale pour... = the royal road to
 au regard de la loi = in the eyes of the law

4 TIME AND HUMAN LIFE

un sablier = a hourglass un chronomètre = a stopwatch
 les aiguilles (horloge) = the hands un ressort = a spring
 avancer, reculer (pendule) = to put a clock forward/back (one hour, eg)
 précis = accurate (fiable)
 une quinzaine = a fortnight
 avant/après JC = BC (before christ) / AD (anno domini)
 hivernal/printanier/estival/automnal = winterly/springlike/summery/autumnal
 un agenda = a diary (an agenda = ordre du jour)
 heures creuses = off-peak hours
 prendre du retard = to lose time
 rattraper le temps perdu = to make up for the lost time
 faire passer le temps = to while away the time
 être pressé par le temps = to be pushed for time
 crépuscule = dusk, twilight
 au petit matin = in the small/early hours
 du matin au soir = from morning till night
 s'obscurcir = to get dark
 très sombre, obscur = pitch-dark
 la brièveté = brevity
 passer, s'écouler = to go by, to elapse
 prolonger, faire durer = prolong, protract, to lengthen
 long (adj) = long, lengthy durable = lasting (fig. Sustainable)
 éternel = eternal, everlasting provisoire = provisional
 incessant = unceasing, incessant, continuing
 momentané = momentary
 jusqu'à présent = up to now jusqu'en 2002 = up to 2002
 tout de suite = straight away, right away
 immédiatement = at once, immediately
 plus tard = later *on* se reproduire (evt) = to recur
 fréquent = frequent trimestriel = quarterly
 une fois de temps en temps/de trop = once in a while / too often
 rarement = seldom, hardly ever, rarely
 une guerre sainte = a holy war
 la Réforme = the Reformation
 l'entre deux guerres = the inter-war period
 historic/historical = qui fait date (=landmark)/qui est lié à l'Histoire
 un souvenir = a remembrance, a memory
 vieillot, suranné = antiquated, quaint, old-fashioned, outdated
 anachronique = anachronistic

dernièrement = lately, recently, not long ago
 au préalable, d'avance = beforehand
 pour le moment = for the time being
 un avant-gout = a foretaste une perspective = a prospect
 ultérieur = subsequent
 imminent = impending
 dans les années à venir = in years to come
 un bambin, un tout petit = a toddler (to toddle, faire ses premiers pas)
 allaiter = to breastfeed
 être mineur, devenir majeur = to be under age, to come of age, to turn 18
 puéril, immature = childish crédule, naïf = gullible révolté = rebellious
 l'âge mur = middle age mûrir = to mature
 une ride = a line, a wrinkle mûr (fruit) = ripe
 retarder la prise de sa retraite = to postpone retirement
 fâner, dépérir = to wither radoter = to ramble
 gâteux = doddering, doting
 le deuil = bereavement (the bereaved = la famille du défunt)
 les pompes funèbres = the undertaker's
 un cercueil = a coffin
 les cendres = the ashes
 pleurer la mort de qqn = to mourn sb > to be in mourning for sb = porter le deuil de
 présenter ses condoléances = to offer one's sympathy (=la compassion)
 faire un testament = to make a will
 rajeunir = rejuvenate

MORE WORDS

the grey wave = metaphor for an ageing sty
 to court the grey vote = to try and attract old people for one party in elections
 une course contre la montre = a race against time
 jouer la montre (fig) = to play for time

5 RELIGIONS AND SPIRITUAL LIFE

6 GEOGRAPHY & GEOPOLITICS

les cieux = the skies
 l'apesanteur = weightlessness la pesanteur = gravity
 étoile filante = shooting star étoile du berger = the Evening Star
 étoilé = starry
 extra terrestre = extraterrestrial
 rayons du soleil = sunrays
 terrien, terrestre = earthly
 un astronome = an astronomer
 astrophysicien = astrophysicist
 carte du ciel = star chart > to chart = tracer la carte de
 scruter = to peer into
 la terre ferme = the mainland
 une faille = a fault
 plateau continental = continental shelf
 archipel = archipelago [arkipelaigo]
 un détroit = a strait(s) > the strait(s) of Gibraltar
 un cap = a cape
 Andes / Rocheuses = the Andean/Great Cordillera, the Rocky Mountains/The Rockies
 un massif = a massif
 une crête = a crest
 un glacier = a glacier [gleicieu]
 un gouffre = a chasm [kaizem]
 un vallon = a dale
 une plaine = a plain
 un bassin, cuvette = a basin
 gentle/seep slope. Mountainous, low, high, hilly...
 en surplomb = overhanging
 pleine mer = the open sea
 les fonds marins = the sea bed
 les embruns = spray les moutons = white horses la houle = the swell
 le flux et le reflux = the ebb and fow (ebb=reflux)
 une crique = an inlet, a creek
 rivage = (sea) shore, edge
 une mare = a pond
 un ruissau = a brook, a stream
 couler = to flow se jeter dans = to flow/run into déborder = overflow
 un gallet > caillouteux = a pebble > pebbly
 sinueux > serpenter = winding [wainding] > to wind wound wound / !\a "windy road" is actually a winding road (both can be said)
 les climats = climate
 précipitations, pluviosité = rainfall
 mousson = monsoon
 / !\désertique = desert
 une averse = a shower une pluie torrentielle = a downpour

la brume = mist, haze la grêle = hail le gel = frost verglas=black ice
 bruiner = to drizzle tomber à verse = to pour se lever (brume) = to lift
 geler = to frost over
 averses intermittentes = scattered showers pluie battante = pouring rain
 moite = damp humide et froid = dank
 la canicule = heat wave, the midsummer heat
 un souffle d'air, un vent léger = a breath of wind
 se dégager = to clear up s'éclaircir = to brighten
 couvrir = cloud over
 très frais = chilly glacial = freezing cold, icy cold
 un paratonnerre = a lightning conductor
 trembler = to quake effacer de la carte = to wipe out
 Côte d'Ivoire = the Ivory Coast. Un ivoirien = a national of the ivory coast
 un néozélandais = a newzealander > New Zealand
 Ecosse, écossais = Scotland, scottish
 un recensement = a census
 un effondrement démographique = a baby bust
 coloniser = to settle
 faiblement/fortement peuplé = scarcely populated / overpopulated

MORE WORDS

The Big Smoke = Londres
 the Athens of the North = Edimburg
 The big apple = NY (because of the stress that experienced artists before performing)
 the windy city = Chicago
 Tinseltown (tinsel = clinquant) = Hollywood
 Motown = Detroit, because of its car industry
 la célébrité = stardom
 être né sous une bonne étoile = to be born under a lucky star
 terre à terre = down to earth
 remuer ciel et terre = to move heaven and earth
 jeter un froid sur = to cast a chill over
 avoir vent de qqch = to get wind of sth
 il faut battre le fer tant qu'il est chaud = to make the hay while the sun shines
 revenir sur terre = to come down to earth

7 THE ARMY AND WAR

to get bogged = to get stuck
 une force de maintien de la paix = a peace-keeping force
 l'escalade de la violence = the escalation of violence
 s'efforcer = to strive

8 IMMIGRATION

des raisons de fuir = reasons to escape
 la misère = poverty, dire poverty
 la souffrance, les épreuves = hardship
 s'exiler = to go into exile
 chasser (fig.) = to drive away
 malheureux = miserable (unfortunate, unlucky. C'est malheureux = it's a pity/a shame)
 une incitation = an incentive
 l'attrait = appeal, attraction
 l'aspiration, le désir ardent = yearning, longing >> to yearn for, to long for
 la recherche de = the search for
 une occasion = an opportunity
 un gagne-pain = a livelihood
 a prospect = une perspective
 l'ascension sociale = upward mobility
 un cas d'ascension fulgurante = a rags-to-riches story, a success story
 s'élever socialement = to work one's way up
 attrayant, tentant = appealing, enticing, alluring
 avide = greedy
 riche > affluent, well off
 un flot = a stream
 l'installation = settling in (to settle)
 un trafiquant, un colporteur, un revendeur = a peddler (US pedlar)
 un travail ingrat = a thankless/unrewarding job
 travail au noir = moonlighting
 trimmer = to slave away (familiar)
 un permis de séjour, aux USA = a green card
 se faufiler (par ext. entrer clandestinement) = to sneak into
 excéder une durée fixe = to overstay
 faire entrer clandestinement = to smuggle into
 la police des frontières (US) = the border patrol
 limiter le flot = to curb the flow
 contenir (endiguer) = to staunch, to arrest
 empêcher d'entrer = to keep out
 reconduire = to escort back. Renvoyer = to send back. Par bateau = to ship out
 insurmontable = unsurpassable
 un fardeau social = a social burden
 être victime de discrimination = to be discriminated against
 mépriser = to despise, to look down on
 prendre l'emploi de = to take jobs away from (pèj)
 la diversité ethnique = the ethnic mix
 bilinguisme = bilingualism

to adapt / to assimilate / to integrate
se créer de nouvelles racines = to put down new roots
être partagé entre deux cultures = to be torn between two cultures
s'accrocher à ses coutumes = to stick to one's ways
concilier = to reconcile
bizarre, peu habituel = outlandish, unusual

MORE WORDS

bateau qui transporta les premiers colons puritains anglais vers USA=
Mayflower, 1620

the gold rush = 1848 (to California)

the closing of the frontier (end of the inner conquest) officially happened in
1890

Yuccas (young urban Cuban Americans), chuppies (Chinese + Yuppies),
Chicanos (Mexican people), wetbacks (those who cross the Rio Grande
swimming)

Hyphenated American (from foreign origin :eg= African-American, European-
American)

se contenter de = to settle for, to content oneself with sth

un accord, un règlement (à l'amiable) = a settlement

9 NATURE AND ECOLOGY

a monkey / an ape = un singe / un grand singe (au fig → ancêtre)

mammifères marins = sea mammals

nageoire = fin

la pêche à la ligne / un pêcheur à la ligne = angling / an angler

un collectionneur = a collector

contrebande, contrebandier = smuggling, a smuggler

le braconnage = poaching → a poacher / to poach

chasser (faire fuir) = to drive away, to frighten away

massacrer = to massacre, to slaughter

tirer sur = to shoot at

diminuer (en nombre) = to dwindle

le déséquilibre écologique = ecological imbalance

une branche (arbre) = a branch

acajou = mahogany

du bois de chauffage = firewood

déboisement = deforestation

une scierie = a sawmill

le défrichage = land-clearing

rare, se raréfier = scarce, to become scarce

la diminution, l'appauvrissement = depletion → to deplete = to exhaust

désastre écologique = environmental disaster

ravager = to devastate, to wreak havoc [wrik]

/ !\ an emission = une émission (de gaz)

les gaz d'échappement = exhaust fumes → an exhaust pipe

le brouillard polluant = smog (smoke+fog)

l'amiante = asbestos

dégager de la fumée = to release, to let out smoke

avoir du mal à respirer = to fight for breath, to gasp for breath

cancérigène = carcinogenic, cancer-causing

sain/malsain = wholesome / unwholesome

la sécheresse = drought

nappe phréatique = ground water → ground water level

dessécher = to dry up, to dry out

désertique, aride, stérile = barren (ground, eg)

shortage = scarcity

l'abondance = plenty

l'excès = glut [glot]

commencer à manquer de = to run short of

regorger de, déborder de = to be packed with, to overflow with

une marée noire, une nappe de pétrole = an oil slick

déverser = to dump, to discharge

dumping = décharge (eg : no dumping)

ordures ménagères = household waste

dangereux = hazardous

une décharge, un dépotoir = a dump, a tip

de la ferraille = scrap → a scrap heap = un tas de ferraille, une décharge

sentir mauvais = to smell foul, to stink (empester)

s'entasser = to pile up

suinter, s'infiltrer = to ooze

malodorant = smelly, foul-smelling

encombrant = cumbersome

le tri (écologique) = sorting out

ramasser le verre usagé = to collect used glass (un collecteur ~ = a bottle
bank)

consigné = returnable

conscient des enjeux écologiques = environmentally-minded

surveiller = to watch

porter plainte / intenter un procès à = to lodge a complaint / to bring a
lawsuit
against

révéler, dénoncer = to reveal, to expose

une mesure d'encouragement = an incentive

une réserve naturelle = a nature reserve

des mesures d'économie d'énergie = energy-saving measures

des ressources inexploitées = untapped resources

le co-voiturage = car-pooling

voter une loi = to pass a law

les économies d'énergie = energy efficiency

une station d'épuration = a sewage treatment plant

traitement des déchets = waste disposal
assainir = to clean up
traiter : eaux usées → to process sewage ; déchets → to manage, to dispose
waste

qui fonctionne à l'énergie solaire/éolienne = solar/wind-powered
économique en carburant = fuel-efficient
sans plomb/phosphates/agents polluants = lead/phosphate/pollutant-free

MORE WORDS

“écologiquement correct, bien vu” = ecologically PC
“not in my backyard” = celui qui se mobilise qd son environnement direct est
menacé (pas derrière
chez moi)

countrycide = hazardous for the countryside (pun)

eco-aware

the greening of business, of agriculture, of politics...

donner le feu vert = to give the green light

nettoyer à fond = to clean out

/!\ *clean* is also an adverb : clean=completely. “we're clean out of bread”

10 SPEAKING AND SPEECH

marmonner = to mumble

une expression consacrée = a set phrase

la langue de bois = cant (= hypocritical talks)

murmurer = to murmur

un orateur charismatique = a spell-binder

prononcer un discours = to deliver a speech

couper la parole = to cut sb short

mettre son grain de sel = to butt in

persuader qqn = to talk sb into doing sth

to convince of / to dissuade from

au deuxième degré = tongue-in-cheek

parler sans discontinuer = to rattle away

franchise = frankness, straightforwardness

dire ce que l'on pense = speak one's mind

tourner autour du pot = to beat about the bush

mâcher ses mots = to mince one's words

rire aux éclats = to roar with laughter

hurler de douleur = to wail

enroué, rauque = hoarse

perrçant = shrill

évoquer = to mention

aisance = fluency

s'adresser à = to address φ s.o.

galvanisant = rousing

riposte = retort

s'insurger = to rail against

to joke about

ridiculiser = to deride

ressasser = to harp on a subject

aller droit au fait = to go straight to the point

prudent = cautious

un sanglot = a sob (to sob)

gémir = to groan

pleurnicher = to snivel

ronchonner = to moan

gronder = to tell off

balbutiement = stammering

11 THE SELF AND OTHERS : HARMONY

une âme sœur = a kindred spirit

un penchant = a liking for (personne), a leaning toward

intimité = closeness to

/!\ sympathy = compassion > to sympathize with, to be sympathetic

entretenir de bonnes relations = to be on friendly/good terms

se compléter = to complement each other

être solidaire de qqn = to stand by sb

attaché à = devoted to

amour maternel = motherly love > fraternel, paternel...

solidarité féminine = sisterly solidarity

narcissisme = self-love

tendresse = tenderness

être fou de qqn = to dote on sb

séduisant = alluring, appealing

un cavalier = an escort

une maîtresse = a mistress

a romance = une idylle, romance = romantisme

poser un lapin = to stand someone up

un célibataire = a bachelor

une vieille fille = a spinster, an old maid

une union = a match

le témoin = the bridesmaid

jeunes mariés = newly-weds

mariage blanc = a paper marriage

une pulsion = an urge

le désir = lust

volupté = sensuousness

caresser = to stroke > caresser du regard = to look at sb lovingly, caresser

dans le sens du poil = to stay on the right side of sb

sexual liberation, birth control, free love, contraceptive devices,...
 la fête, les réjouissances = a spree > to go on a (shopping) spree
 échnagisme = mate-swapping
 une aventure sans lendemain = a one-night stand
 obsédé sexuel = sex-ridden people
 plénitude = fulfillment
 l'entrain = cheerfulness
 contentement, joie = delight > ravi, enchanté = delighted
 béatitude = bliss
 sérénité = serenity
 to like doing sth, to take pleasure in doing sth, to please sb (faire plaisir)...
 réconforter qqn = to cheer sb up
 la décence, la retenue, la politesse = decency
 le tact = tactfulness
 l'estime, la considération = consideration, regard
 complicité = mutual understanding
 une mutuelle = a friendly society
 une organisation caritative = a charity
 l'abnégation = self-denial
 la bienséance, décence, correctiton = propriety, morality, politeness, decency
 galanterie = gallantry
 fréquenter des gens = to socialize > la vie sociale = socializing
 complimenter = to pay compliments
 bien élevé, poli = well-mannered, well-behaved
 attentionné = considerate
 bien intentionné = well-meaning
 galant, courtois = gallant, gentlemanly. /Also: gallant=courageux (=brave)
 liberté de réunion = freedom of assembly
 légalité = legality, lawfulness
 défendre la veuve et l'orphelin = to defend the weak
 exiger avec vigieur = to press for a demand
 respecter la loi = to abide the law (faire respecter = to enforce)
 un arbitre = arbitrator (politics), referee (sports)
 un compromis = a compromise
 une visite d'amitié = a goodwill mission

MORE WORDS

OXFAM = Oxford Committee for Famine Relief, an international charity created in England in 1942. Struggles against poverty and injustice. Now established in several countries in the world
 The Shaftesbury Society = christian charity founded in 1844, by Earl Shaftesbury. Like Emmaus in France, it defends the weak and disabled people (providing housing, eg). In 2007, its name became *Livability*
 bosom friends = amis intimes (bosom = poitrine, coeur)
 puppy love / calf love = premier amour adolescent

head over heels in love with = éperdument amoureux de
 qu'on ne saurait avoir pour rien au monde = not to be had for love or money
 un(e) ex = an old flame

12 THE SELF AND OTHERS : CONFLICT

l'irritation, l'agacement = irritation
 le désagrément = inconvenience
 un fléau, désagrément = a nuisance
 froisser = to offend
 s'opposer à qqn = to oppose sb
 éprouver la patience de qqn = to try sb's patience > éprouvant, difficile = trying
 se brouiller avec = to fall out with
 mécontent de = dissatisfied with
 coléreux = hot-tempered
 detestable, odieux = obnoxious
 rancune, ressentiment = resentment (to resent sth = s'offenser de qqch)
 la rigueur impitoyable = ruthlessness (ruthless = impitoyable)
 l'insensibilité = heartlessness
 bad, evil, wicked, mean, spiteful, cruel (to), unkind, pitiless
 moqueur = mocking (to mock at sb)
 malhonnêteté = dishonesty
 fausseté = mendacity (hypocrisy = insincerity)
 tromperie = deception (déception = disappointment)
 trahison = treachery
 un faux-semblant = a pretence
 berner, duper = to fool sb
 dissimuler = to conceal, to hold back, to hide
 trompeur (apparence) = deceptive, delusory, misleading
 le mépris = contempt, scorn, despite, disrespect (méprisable = contemptible)
 suffisant = self-satisfied
 vantard = boastful, brash
 hautain = haughty, lordly, prideful, disdainful
 pour se venger de = in revenge for (se venger = to take revenge, vengeur = vengeful)
 convoiter = to covet, to long (un peu moins) (cupide = covetous, greedy, avaricious)
 user de représailles = to retaliate, to pay sb back (le lui faire payer)
 to get angry at/with sb(contre qqn), at/about sth
 mettre en colère = to madden, to infuriate
 exaspérer = to incense
 to discriminate against // to endure discrimination
 léser qqn = to wrong sb, to treat unjustly
 rejeter = to expel, to ban
 la barrière raciale = the colour bar

délinquance = delinquency (un délit = an offence, un délinquant = an offender)

un complice = an accomplice

l'agression = assault, mugging (assailant, mugger), attack, attempt > to

attack, Proverbs/quotes

assault, Man is a wolf to man

to mug Revenge is sweet

un voyou = a thug

blessure = wound (intentionnelle), injury (involontaire)

de sang-froid = cold-blooded

cruel, inhumain = barbarous, savage, cruel, brutal

a battered wife = femme battue // a wife beater = un mari violent

maltraiter, injurier = to abuse, to ill-use, to mistreat

le mécontentement social = social dissatisfaction

l'agitation sociale = social unrest

un défilé = a march

une occupation = a sit-in

agiter des banderoles = to wave banners

une explosion de violence = an outburst of violence > the escalation of violence

affrontement = confrontation

le pillage = looting. A looter, to loot = to plunder

saccager = to wreck, to vandalize, to wreak havoc (on)

violations des droits de l'homme = human rights abuse/violation

la repression de... = crackdown on (to crack down on)

emprisonnement = imprisonment

interrogatoire = an interrogation (to interrogate)

un bourreau = a torturer, an executioner

la souffrance = suffering < agony

totalitaire = totalitarian

porté disparu = reported missing

soumis = submissive

angoissé = anguished, tormented, tortured

arbitraire (adj) = arbitrary

purification ethnique = ethnic cleansing (to cleanse = nettoyer, purifier)

la déportation dans un camp = internment (FA : deportation = banissement)

le déracinement = rootlessness (>an uprooted person)

More Words :

National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People, NAACP (US)

The Civil Rights Act, 1965, USA gives the right to vote to all the minorities

The Equal Rights Amendment, 1972, USA, same rights without consideration of sex

délit d'initiés = inside trading

soudoyer = to bribe sb (a bribery = un pot de vin)

blanchiment d'argent = money-laundering

népotisme = nepotism

langue de bois = doublespeak

sortir de ses gonds = to fly off the handle (handle = la manche)

13 THE MEDIA 1 : THE PRESS, THE RADIO AND TELEVISION

presse automobile = motoring press (US car press)

un éditorial = a leader

la rubrique mondaine = the gossip column

le courrier du coeur = the agony column

un n° de parution = an issue

trimestriel = quarterly

chroniqueur = columnist

redacteur en chef = editor

éditeur = publisher

communiqué de presse = a news release (US)

to report ON = to cover sth

publier en exclu = to scoop

capter (radio) = to pick up

régler son poste sur une station = to tune in to a station

be on the air / be off the air

poste de TV = TV set > le petit écran = the telly, the box

télécommande = remote control, zapper. / zapper = to zap, to channel-flick

to flick = appuyer sur, donner un petit coup à

antenne parabolique = a dish aerial, a dish antenna (US)

temps d'antenne = air time

un feuilleton = a serial, une série = a series

une rediffusion = a repeat, a return

captiver = to engross. > captiver le public = to hold the audience

divertir = entertain

en différé = pre-recorded

éducatif = educational

abêtissant, abrutissant = stultifying

un animateur = a compere > animer un spectacle = to host/compere a show

un journaliste sportif = a sportscaster

présenter les informations = to present the news

chasse au scandale = muckraking

droit à l'information = the right to know

journalisme d'investigation = investigative journalism

un sujet vedette = a newsmaker

une faute éthique = a breach of ethics (a breach of = un manquement, une infraction ; to be in breach of = enfreindre ; to step in the breach =

s'engouffrer dans...)
 diffamation (écrite) = label (to libel, to defame) > une calomnie (verbale) = a slander
 voyeurisme = voyeurism
 to pester = to harass
 to dig out = to unearth
 accurate // inaccurate
 reliable // unreliable
 un microt secret = a (phone) bug > to tap/bug a phone
 la mise sur écoute = eavesdropping > suprendre conversation = to eavesdrop on
 une saisie = a seizure > to confiscate, to seize
 to blue-pencil = corriger (US?)
 bailloner = to gag. Réduire au silence = to silence
 limiter l'accès = to curtail access (to curtail = to restrict = to cut back = mettre une entrave à)

More words

Fleet Street = London street where all the English journalists work, in their editorial offices.

The "silly season" = summer period, during which all journalists fill in the magazines with entertaining and pointless anecdotes.

A soap opera = un feuilleton à l'eau de vaisselle
 a stalkarazzi

newsworthy (adj)

on the record/off the record = de source officielle/officieuse

to worm out information = soutirer

to fish for information = récolter

Bad news travels fast

14 THE MEDIA 2 : EXCHANGE AND COMMUNICATION

15 TRANSPORT AND TOURISM

une sortie, excursion = an outing
 le désir de voyager = wanderlust (un flaneur, vagabond = a wanderer)
 qui a bcp voyagé = well-travelled
 libre comme l'air = footloose
 un itinéraire = a route
 sur le chemin du retour = homebound

un périph = a bypass, a ring road
 un carrefour = a crossroads
 un chauffard = a reckless driver
 une dépanseuse = a tow-truck
 transport routier = haulage (un transporteur = a hauler)
 le code de la route = the highway code
 reculer, faire marche arrière = to back up, to reverse
 caler = to stall
 ceinture de sécurité = seat-belt
 le capot = the bonnet
 coffre = the boot, the trunk (US)
 plaque d'immatriculation = licence-plates
 rouler à l'essence = to run on petrol
 un aiguillage = a switch
 une consigne automatique = a locker
 monter/dessendre (train) = get on, get off
 un chantier naval = a shipyard
 faire escale à, faire un arrêt à (bateau, train) = to call at, to stop at (train)
 faire escale / une escale (avion) = to stop over, a stopover
 salle d'embarquement = departure lounge (the arrivals lounge)
 une piste = a runway
 servir = to serve
 débris = the wreckage (a wreck = une épave, a shipwreck = un naufrage)
 sujet aux accidents = accident-prone (to be prone to = être sujet à)
 une station = a resort (seaside resort, winter resort, ski resort)
 pension complète = full board
 une chambre libre = a vacancy (complet = « no vacancies »)
 un coup de soleil = a sunburn (to be sunburnt)
 bronzer = to get a suntan (bronzé = tanned)
 rotir = to bake
 circuits touristiques = touring
 visiter, voir les monuments = to see the sights (sights = attractions touristiques)
 visiter un pays = to tour a country
 pittoresque = picturesque
 a couper le souffle = breathtaking
 camping-car = a Dormobile
 matelas pneumatique = a lilo
 une table pliante = a collapsible table
 une torche = a flashlight, a torch (GB)

More words

être complètement perdu = to be all at sea
 dans le sillage de, à la suite de = in the wake of
 être dans la même galère = to be in the same boat
 un centriste, modéré, en politique = a middle-of-the-roader

16 ADVERTISING AND CONSUMPTION

allécher = to entice
persuader, inciter = to induce
honteux, scandaleux = outrageous
un prospectus = a leaflet
distribuer des ~ = to hand out leaflets
placarder = to post up
un air accrocheur = a catchy tune
une foire = a trade fair
un magasin de fruits et légumes = a greengrocer's
un poissonnier = a fishmonger's
une papeterie = a stationer's
un étal = a stall
une caisse de sortie = a checkout (counter)
un caissier = a cashier
s'occuper de, servir = to attend
bien agencé = well laid-out
un coursier = a messenger
un client habituel, un habitué = a patron
comparer les prix entre magasins = to shop around
faire du leche vitrine = to go window-shopping
imprévisible, inconstant (personne), changeant (weather) = fickle
capricieux = whimsical (un caprice = a whim)
difficile (à contenter) = choosy
de la camelote = cheap-junk
la baisse de la qualité = slipping standards
défectueux = defective, faulty
baclé, négligé = sloppy
association de consommateur = consumer group
faire pression sur = to lobby
retirer un produit du marché = to take sth off the market
se faire indemniser = to receive compensation
se faire rembourser = to get a refund

More words

the consumer price index = l'indice des prix à la conso
60 millions de consommateurs = *Which?* (brit), *Consumer report* (US)
awkward = pas commode, difficile à gérer
it costs an arm and a leg
at all costs = coûte que coûte; à tout prix
to buy a witness = suborner un témoin
« I'll buy it » = ok, je te crois
to buy sth unseen = acheter les yeux fermés

17 BUSINESS AND TRADE

free-market economy, state-run economy, planned economy
privatization / nationalization
domestic/home market VS global/ world market
mettre sous tutelle de l'état = to bring under state control
un arrêt (dans la croissance) = a standstill (s'immobiliser = to be at a standstill)
une reprise = a recovery
être en plein marasme = to be in the doldrums
s'effondrer = to collapse, to slump, to plummet (dégringoler)
un billet = a banknote (bankbill US)
les cartes de crédit = plastic money
une devise = a currency
sûr = steady
une action = a share >> a shareholder
le cours = quotation
un boursicoteur = a dabbler in stocks
a falling/rising market
délit d'initié = insider trading
être à son maximum = to peak
un guichet = a window
remboursement = repayment (rembourser = to reimburse, to pay back)
être à découvert = to be overdrawn, to have an overdraft
être à la banque X = to bank with X
encaisser un cheque = to cash a cheque
avare = miserly (adj)
petites entreprises = small businesses
PME = medium-sized business
conclure une affaire = to clinch a deal
rentabiliser qqch = to make sth profitable /!\ faux ami !
affaires florissantes = thriving business (to thrive = prospérer)
affaires en plein marasme = slack business
siège d'une entreprise = head office
conseil d'administration = board of directors
le pdt = chairman (présider = to chair)
réduction/augmentation d'effectif = downsizing/upsizing
facture = invoice (to invoice sb for sth)
baisser les prix = to cut prices
une enchère, un appel d'offre = a bid
prendre une part de marché = to grab a market share
concurrencer = to compete with
canibaliser = to cannibalize

a favourable / negative trade balance
 une guerre commerciale = a trade war
 un blocus = a blockade
 a socio-professional group
 un créneau commercial, une niche = a market gap, a niche
 la fidélité (pour une marque) = loyalty (faithfulness pour un couple)
 haut/bas de gamme = up-market down-market, upscale downscale
 prix public conseillé = the high street price
 étiquette de prix = price tag (étiquette = label, l'étiquette=les manières=décorum)
 bon rapport qualité prix = good value for money

More words

ALENA = NAFTA (North American Free Trade Association)
 Lombard Street = rue de Londres associée aux grandes banques, marché financier
 a perk (a perquisite) = un avantage en nature, un a-coté
 an oil millionaire = un magnat du pétrole !
 A money spinner = une mine d'or (fig)
 a golden handshake = une grosse prime de départ, ou de bienvenue
 he's rolling in it = il est plein aux as
 to kill the golden goose = tuer la poule aux oeufs d'or
 it's money down the drain = c'est jeter de l'argent par les fenêtres
 a sorry business = une bien triste affaire
 « Money begets money » (beget = engendrer) = « l'argent va a l'argent »
 « Money can't buy you happiness »

18 AGRICULTURE

la terre (cultivable) = the soil
 la terre cultivée / non cultivée = the farmland / the idle land
 une haie = a hedge
 être en jachère / la jachère = to lie fallow / fallow land
 un pré, une prairie = a meadow
 la superficie = acreage
 fertile = fertile, fruitful
 un hangar, un abri = a shed
 une grange = a barn
 une écurie = a stable
 un puits = a well
 un jardin potager = a vegetable garden
 un verger = an orchard
 un paysan, une paysane = a countryman/woman
 les gens de la campagne = countryfolk
 un laboureur, labourer = a ploughman, to plough
 a nursery = une crèche ou une pépinière

diriger une ferme = to run a farm
 vivre de la terre = to live off the land
 la matériel agricole = farm equipment
 une tondeuse a gazon = a lawnmower
 une remorque = a trailer
 une cuve = a vat
 un tonneau = a cask, a barrel
 une moissonneuse batteuse = a combine harvester
 une brouette = a wheelbarrow
 semer = to sow
 (weeds=mauvaises herbes)
 rentrer la récolte = to get the crop in
 faire les vendanges = to gather the grapes
 l'agro-alimentaire = agribusiness
 l'industrie alimentaire = the food industry
 une coopérative agricole = an agricultural cooperative
 le rendement = yield → to yield = donner, produire
 une culture de base = a staple crop
 les céréales = corn (représente la culture principale : US → maïs. GB → blé)
 les cultures vivrières = food crops
 la vigne = vine
 les plaies de l'agriculture = the ills of agriculture
 un animal nuisible, un parasite = a pest, a parasite
 un rongeur = a rodent
 ruiner, détruire une récolte = to blight a crop
 dévorer / ronger = to eat up / to gnaw
 gelé = frostbitten
 un enclos, une clôture = an enclosure
 un éleveur (de bétail) = a (cattle-)breeder
 un berger = a shepherd
 engraisser = to fatten, to feed up
 un troupeau : petits animaux = flock, gros animaux = a herd
 une jument = a mare
 / !\ a sheep, several sheep
 la volaille = poultry, fowl
 une oie = a goose
 pondre un oeuf / éclore = to lay an egg / to hatch
 une ruche = a beehive
 un apiculteur = a bee-keeper
 piquer = to sting
 la pisciculture = fish farming
 l'industrie laitière = dairy farming
 produits laitiers = dairy produce
 traire = to milk
 à vous figer le sang = blood-curdling (to curdle = cailler)
 un agronome = an agronomist

l'industrie agro-alimentaire = agribusiness, the farm-produce industry
 l'approvisionnement en eau = water supply
 le fumier = manure
 l'agrochimie = agrochemicals
 manipulations biologiques = biological engineering / genetic engineering
 OGM = GMO
 generically engineered food
 une race (espèce) / un croisement de races = a breed / crossbreeding
 l'élevage industriel = factory farming → battery farming
 améliorer, accroître = to enhance
 rapporter, produire = to yield → crop yield = rendement des cultures
 altérer, trafiquer = to tamper with
 devenir résistant à = to build up resistance to
 qui résiste aux parasites = pest-resistant
 les subventions agricoles = farming subsidies
 le prix à la production = the farm gate price
 une crise agricole = a farm slump

une grue = a crane
 rénover = renovate, refurbish
 la fabrication = manufacture
 un entrepôt = a warehouse
 fondre = melt
 produire de l'énergie = to yield power / fournir de l'énergie = to power
 un puits = a pit, a shaft (un puits de pétrole = an oil well)
 forer à la recherche de pétrole = to drill for oil
 exploiter une mine = to work a mine
 énergie marémotrice = tidal power
 déchets radioactifs = nuclear waste
 stocker = to store
 les trois-huit = shift work (une équipe = a shift (=un changement, aussi))
 travailler par équipes = to work shifts
 rationaliser des tâches = to streamline tasks

More words
 OPEP = OPEC
 production à flux tendu = just -in-time production
 sunrise industries = en expansion VS sunset industries
 les cuivres (orchestre) = the brass
 steeliness = dureté, inflexibilité > steely
 appeler un chat un chat = to call a spade a spade
 être vendu aux enchères = to come under the hammer
 « A bad workman blames his tools »

19 INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY AND PRODUCTION

le savoir faire artisanal = craftsmanship (artisan = craftsman)
 activités artisanales = craft industry
 une vis = a screw (un tournevis = a screwdriver)
 abattre (un arbre) = to fell
 ébénisterie = cabinetmaking
 forgeron = blacksmith
 orfèvre = silversmith
 serrurier = locksmith
 vitrier = glazier (une vitre = a window pane)
 le bâtiment (secteur) = the building trade
 travaux publics = civil engineering
 chantier de construction = building site / building yard
 travaux de construction = construction work
 le gros oeuvre = the shell (lourds travaux= the heavy work)
 charpente = framework (aussi au figuré)
 ouvriers du bâtiment = building workers
 un maçon = a mason [meiz'n]

20 WORK

une pénurie de main d'oeuvre = a labour shortage
 titulaire d'un emploi = a jobholder
 arriver sur le marché de l'emploi = to join the labour force
 être responsable /!\ = to be in charge of
 discrimination par l'age = ageism [eidjizem]
 passer un test = to sit a test, to take a test (US) (to pass = réussir)
 refuser un candidat = to turn down an applicant
 formation professionnelle = vocational training
 un stagiaire = a trainee
 le mérite = merit
 être titularisé = to get tenure
 gérer, faire avancer sa carrière = to further one's career
 licenciement économique = redundancy > to be made redundant
 un renvoi = a dismissal, a discharge
 supprimer des emplois = to cut down jobs
 indemnité = compensation (to compensate for sth)
 les horaires flexibles = flexitime
 faire des heures supplémentaires = to work overtime

PIB = GDP (gross domestic product, gross = brut)
 avantages sociaux = fringe benefits
 survivre tant bien que mal = to keep one's head above water
 recevoir une pension = to be on a pension
 une maladie du travail = an occupational disease
 une incapacité de travail = an incapacitation for work
 prendre un jour de congé = to take a day off
 syndicalisation = unionization (a trade-unionist = un syndiqué)
 revendication salariale = wage demand /!\ to demand = exiger (faux ami)
 être insatisfait, mécontent de = to be dissatisfied
 le droit de grève = the right to strike
 un rejet = a rejection
 élever des objections contre qqch = to object to sth
 mener des négociations = to carry out negotiations
 céder = to yield
 la migration vers les villes = the drift to towns

More words

un boulot pépère = a soft job, a cushy job (cushion = coussin)
 se tuer à la tâche = to work oneself to death
 to work out = imagine
 "all work and no play make jack a dull boy" = pas que le travail dans la vie
 "you don't get sth for nothing" = on n'a rien sans rien

21 SPORT AND PERFORMANCE

22 HEALTH AND MEDECINE

un membre = a limb
 une côte = a rib
 le poignet = wrist
 ventre = belly
 menton = chin
 hanche = hip
 intestin = bowels
 vitalité = vitality [vaïta^liti] > plein de vitalité = lively
 la résistance, l'endurance = stamina, resistance
 résilient

endurant =

avoir une bonne santé = to enjoy good health
 garder la forme = to keep fit
 sain = sound > sain et sauf = safe and sound
 surmenage = strain, overwork, stress
 ne pas se sentir très bien = to be out of sorts
 être malade de = to be ill with
 légèrement = slightly > slightly different
 souffrant (adj) = poorly, unwell, unfit
 une foulure = a sprain > se fouler = to sprain
 un sparadrap = a plaster (GB). Plaster = (also) *du* plâtre
 le contrecoup, les séquelles = the aftereffects, repercussions, aftermath (fig)
 une écharpe = a sling
 béquilles = crutches
 être dans le plâtre = to be in a cast (a cast = *un* plâtre)
 estropier, mutiler = to maim, to cripple (s'estropier = to maim oneself)
 un accès de fièvre = a bout of fever
 un accès, un déclenchement = an outbreak (also, fig > le début d'une guerre
 par ex)
 un diagnostic = a diagnosis [daïagn^osis] > to diagnose / symptomatic of
 tomber malade, attraper une maladie = to fall ill/sick, to catch a disease
 avoir de la fièvre = to run a fever > to be feverish
 toothache, backache, stomachache...
 éternuer = to sneeze
 transpirer = to sweat
 maladie cardiaque = coronary disease
 étouffer, manquer d'air, haleter = to choke, to stifle, to gasp
 s'évanouir = to pass out (avoir le vertige = to feel dizzy)
 cloué au lit = bedridden
 (in)curable = (in)curable
 un microbe = a germ
 un séropositif = an HIV positive / an AIDS sufferer
 un groupe (population) à risque = a high risk community / group
 se révéler positif au contrôle de = to test positive for
 transmettre un virus = to pass on a virus
 contenir une épidémie = to control/contain an epidemic
 anomalie génétique = genetic defect
 trisomie 21 = Down's syndrome
 hériter d'une déficience = to inherit a defect
 héréditaire = hereditary
 a lunatic = un aliéné / !\ lunatique = whimsical (capricieux)
 un névrosé = a neurotic
 déséquilibré (mentalement) = mentally unbalanced
 un bossu = a hunchback
 un invalide = a cripple, an invalid (crippled = estropié)
 boiteux, la claudication = lame, lameness (a lame duck)
 zozotement = lisping

bégaiement = stuttering
daltonien = colour-blind
gêne, malaise = discomfort
douleur, élancement = pain, ache, twinge
démanger = to itch
piquer = to sting
tenace = persistent
un remède / un médicament = a cure / a medicine
désintoxication = detoxication
effets secondaires = side effects
faire effet = to take effect
en vente libre = over-the-counter // only delivered on prescription
antidépresseur = antidepressant
thérapies parallèles = alternative techniques
un guérisseur = a faith healer
somniafère = sleeping pill
pommade = an ointment
guérir, cicatriser = to heal
soulager apaiser = to relieve (cf a sight of relief)
greffer = to graft une greffe = a transplant
rechute / guérison = relapse / recovery
une aggravation / une amélioration = a turn for the worse / a change for the better
état stationnaire = a stable condition
capacité de récupération = power of recuperation
seringue = needle
dépistage obligatoire = mandatory screening (dépistage=screening)
un docteur en... / un généraliste = a doctor *of...* / a GP (Brit.)
pédiatre = paediatrician
sage-femme = midwife
ambulancier = ambulance man
pharmacien = chemist, pharmacist
perfusion = a drip une radio = an X-ray un point (suture) = a stitch
prescrire = to prescribe soigner, s'occuper de = to nurse
un cabinet = a surgery (GP's surgery, brit)
sécurité sociale = social security (UK-> NHS)
health-care coverage / health insurance
une mutuelle = a mutual insurance company
soins non conventionnés = out of pocket health care (+ gen. : out-of-pocket expenses)
avoir droit à = to be entitled to
un exploit = a feat, an achievement, an accomplishment
acharnement thérapeutique = therapeutic fury
pratiquer l'euthanasie = to carry out euthanasia
bébé éprouvette = test-tube baby

fécondation in vitro = in vitro fertilization
faire (d'une technique) un usage abusif = to misuse
un vide juridique = a legal limbo, a gap in the law
une directive = a guideline

MORE WORDS

a blind spot for = une faiblesse en, un point faible en
teething troubles = des débuts difficiles (teething, premières dents)
c'est dur à avaler = it's a bitter pill to swallow
"prevention is better than cure"
