

# Leçon 1

Chacune des 70 leçons commence par une liste de mots dont vous aurez besoin pour réussir vos examens et concours. Apprenez-les méthodiquement en lisant systématiquement la phrase d'exemple.

**to abide**

supporter, endurer, durer

In the eyes of UKIP voters, the British electorate has shown to Europe that it will not abide being 'pushed around' by the European Parliament.

**abiding (feelings/memories)**

constant, durable

Many Labour voters in Britain still do not even consider voting Conservative because of their abiding memories of Margaret Thatcher's treatment of the trade unions.

**to abide by**

respecter

Many countries still do not abide by human rights.  
North Korea still does not abide by international law.

**an about-turn**

un changement complet (d'opinion, d'attitude, de politique...)

This is the government's first about-turn on the topic of Brexit.

**to abound**

abonder

Following the last US presidential elections, rumours of Russia's involvement in the process abounded.

**above board**

honnête et légal

Last week, a Californian congressman and his wife were indicted on corruption charges, in other words they were caught not keeping their affairs above board.

**to be/to keep abreast of something**

se tenir au courant de quelque chose

If you study politics or economics, you must keep abreast of current events, such as the resignations that have rocked Theresa May's cabinet of late.

**It is abundantly clear that**

il est tout à fait évident que

It is abundantly clear that the new leader of Cuba is not looking to change the way the country is governed.

**abysmal**

insondable, très mauvais, désastreux

**abysmal working conditions**

des conditions de travail désastreuses

During this time, the working conditions were abysmal.

**to account for**

représenter

Non-Hispanic whites now account for about three-quarters of the deaths in the Golden State but barely a third of the births.

**to be accountable for**

être responsable de

Kim Jong Un is accountable for countless human rights violations, but nobody is going to bring him to justice.

**to hold accountable for**

tenir (qqn) pour responsable de (qch)

Many people held Pinochet accountable for his actions in Chile.

**to take account of  
(to take something into account)**

tenir compte de quelque chose,  
prendre en considération  
quelque chose

The creators of the #METOO campaign have taken into account the growing influence of social media and have used it to their advantage.

**accuracy**

l'exactitude, la précision

accurate

exact, juste, précis

the degree of accuracy

le niveau d'exactitude, le degré de  
précision

To gain a real idea of how to solve the unemployment crisis in the country, the government will need to examine multiple solutions with a high degree of accuracy.

**to achieve**

exécuter, réaliser

Due to excessive bureaucracy, local government officials throughout England are finding it difficult to achieve anything meaningful.

**to achieve a significant  
breakthrough (in)**

réaliser une percée  
significative (dans le domaine de)

Despite the immense breakthroughs in scientific discovery he has helped achieve, Elon Musk has still been fired as chairman of Tesla.

**an achievement**

une réalisation, une réussite, un exploit

Although the 1832 Great Reform Act is seen as a great achievement by and large, currently some historians are still debating whether or not it had real significance.

**to regard sth as a considerable/  
substantial achievement**

considérer (qch) comme une réussite  
importante

The whole world regards the Paris Agreement on Climate Change as a substantial achievement in the domain of international politics.

**an achiever**

un gagnant

Even if you dislike Donald Trump, he certainly is an achiever, having won the Presidential race at his age.

**an under-achiever**

un laissé-pour-compte, un paumé

Whilst Sir Alan Sugar has made a name for himself with his TV series 'The Apprentice', there are those in the business world who actually believe him to be an underachiever when it comes to his purely commercial ventures.

**to acknowledge**

admettre, reconnaître, avouer

It was shameful of Donald Trump to acknowledge the white supremacists in Charlottesville as 'fine people'.

**an acknowledgment**

une reconnaissance

A police officer received an award as an acknowledgment for his bravery during the Bataclan attack.

## Structurer votre discours écrit et oral

Pour construire un discours percutant, il est **indispensable** de recourir à **des liens logiques variés et nuancés**, qui non seulement donneront une véritable **structure** à votre pensée, mais qui, en plus, donneront du poids et de la force à votre argumentation.

Voici un choix de mots dans lequel vous pourrez puiser.

### ◎ POUR INTRODUIRE UN ARGUMENT

**first, first of all, to begin with, in the first place, for a start, in the first instance** → *en premier lieu*

**first and foremost...** → *d'abord et avant tout*

**for one thing** → *tout d'abord*

**at first glance, on the face of it** → *au premier abord*

**on second thoughts** → *à y réfléchir de plus près*

**arguably** (en début de phrase) → on peut avancer que

Ex.: Arguably the single currency still raises quite a few questions in the European Union (*on peut dire que la monnaie unique*).

**an argument in support of this approach is that...** → *un argument en faveur de cette approche est que...*

**the fundamental reason for believing this assumption to be true is that...**  
→ *la raison majeure pour considérer que cette hypothèse est vraie est que...*

### ◎ INTRODUIRE UN ARGUMENT SIMILAIRE

**second, in second place, next, secondly...** → *dans un second temps*

**for another thing (après for one thing)** → *d'autre part*

**similarly, in the same way, likewise** → *de même*

**as for, as regards** → *quant à...*

**as regards education** → *en ce qui concerne l'éducation*

# Leçon 2

**current**

courant, actuel

**His actual words were:...**

il a dit textuellement ceci : ...

Many people are accusing Jeremy Corbyn of secretly being an anti-Semite because of his remarks regarding Zionists, his actual words were that British Zionists 'have no sense of English irony'.

**in actual fact**

en fait

Citizens in Zimbabwe believed that Emmerson Mnangagwa would be the saviour of democracy, in actual fact he is just as much a dictator as Robert Mugabe.

**actually**

effectivement, vraiment, en fait

Interest is only paid on the amount actually borrowed, yes, but that has not stopped payday loan sites like Wonga.com from charging absurd rates of interest.

**an acumen**

un don/la perspicacité

Say what you will about Donald Trump, he possesses a remarkable acumen for stirring up a crowd.

**business acumen**

le sens (aigu) des affaires

Martha Stuart made a fortune thanks to her business acumen.

**acute**

grave/pénétrant, aigu

**an acute problem**

un problème grave

**to live in acute poverty**

vivre dans une misère extrême

Much of the Yemenese population lives in acute poverty.

**adamant**

catégorique

**to be adamant that**

maintenir catégoriquement que

Kim Jong Un is adamant that North Korea will continue with its policy of Juche, despite its failings.

**to address an issue**

s'attaquer à un problème, à une question

The Prime Minister's recent speech has failed to address the issue of social housing.

**admittedly**

de l'aveu général, il faut reconnaître que

Admittedly, members of the government recognised their wrongdoings in the Brexit negotiations.

**to adopt a compromise (over)**

adopter un compromis (à propos de)

The French government has adopted a compromise over immigration.

**to present an advantage (over)**

présenter un avantage sur

Donald Trump's populist rhetoric presented an advantage over his rivals throughout the election campaign.

to present a big/considerable/marked/slight/slender advantage over

**to give advice (on)**

conseiller (sur)

<b>to give poor/sound advice on</b>	<b>conseiller mal/bien (sur)</b>
One of the Vice President's responsibilities is to give sound advice on various issues to the President.	
<b>to advocate (a policy)</b>	<b>prôner, être partisan de</b>
The Labour Party advocates a policy of high taxes for the rich.	
<b>an advocacy</b>	<b>un plaidoyer</b>
Justin Trudeau's advocacy of liberal values has resulted in the legalisation of cannabis in Canada.	
<b>an advocate</b>	<b>un partisan, un défenseur</b>
<b>to afflict</b>	<b>affecter, affliger</b>
AIDS is one of the main scourges that currently afflict Africa.	
<b>to afford</b>	<b>se permettre</b>
You can't afford to turn down an offer like that.	
<b>the aftermath</b>	<b>les suites, les séquelles (associé à une catastrophe, un élément malheureux)</b>
Were North Korea to make good on its aggressive rhetoric regarding nuclear war, the aftermath of such an event would be catastrophic.	
<b>against the grain</b>	<b>à contrecœur, à l'encontre de sa propre nature ou de ses propres convictions</b>
It is possible that the Republicans will have to go against the grain on certain issues now that the Democrats control the House of Representatives.	
<b>an agenda</b>	<b>un ordre du jour</b>
The evolving conflict in the Middle East is a very consistent item on the UN's agenda.	
<b>an agreement</b>	<b>un accord</b>
<b>to agree to a proposal</b>	<b>accepter une proposition</b>
China has agreed to North Korea's proposal to import food, despite UN sanctions.	
<b>to agree with</b>	<b>être d'accord</b>
It is absolutely clear that the French and American governments do not agree with each other over the issue of gun laws.	
<b>to be ahead of one's time</b>	<b>être en avance sur son époque</b>
Tesla's products really seem ahead of their time.	
<b>to aim at</b>	<b>viser, avoir pour objectif de</b>
The UN must start aiming at finding a way to peacefully dismantle dictatorships such as those in Sudan and Gabon.	

## Structurer votre discours écrit et oral (suite)

### ◎ POUR INTRODUIRE UN ARGUMENT SUPPLÉMENTAIRE

**besides, moreover, furthermore, in addition/what is more, additionally** → *de plus...*

**in addition to...** → *en plus de...*

Ex.: in addition to giving a general description of the situation, the article also expresses an original standpoint.

**in other words** → *autrement dit...*

**in other respects** → *d'autre part...*

**incidentally, by the way** → *incidemment*

**not to mention** → *sans parler de...*

Ex.: Car fumes are dramatically noxious for children, not to mention people suffering from asthma: *les gaz d'échappement sont terriblement nocifs pour les enfants, sans parler des asthmatiques.*

**let alone dans un contexte négatif** → *sans parler de..., encore moins...*

Ex.: He can't speak English, let alone write it: *il ne sait pas parler anglais, encore moins l'écrire.*

Ex.: The government has not convinced the environmentalists, let alone the communists...: *le gouvernement n'a pas convaincu les écologistes, sans parler des communistes.*

**as a matter of fact** → *en fait...*

**another (one of the most) striking aspects (features) of this problem is** → *un autre aspect marquant de ce problème est*

### ◎ POUR INTRODUIRE UN ARGUMENT CONTRAIRE

**conversely** → *à l'inverse*

**however, nevertheless, and yet, still** → *cependant*

**in return** → *en revanche*

**by contrast, on the contrary** → *au contraire*

**all the same** → *quand même*

Ex.: She told him she was engaged, but he loved her all the same.

**notwithstanding** → *en dépit de*. Adverbe : *néanmoins*

**though** (placé après le verbe) → *cependant*

Ex.: We must consider though that this argument is debatable.

**paradoxically, oddly enough, surprisingly enough** → en début de phrase... :  
*paradoxalement*

**on the other hand** (après: **on the one hand**) → *d'autre part*

**even if, even though** → *même si*

**whereas, while** → *alors que*

**hackneyed arguments of this kind are scarcely convincing** → *Des arguments rebattus de cette nature ne sont presque jamais convaincants.*

**the other side of the coin is, however, that** (de préférence à l'oral) → *le revers de la médaille est, néanmoins, que...*

**the snag about this argument is that...** → *l'inconvénient à propos de cet argument est que...*

**there is however another argument which cannot be ignored, namely, that...** → *Cependant il y a un autre argument qui ne peut pas être ignoré, à savoir...*

# Leçon 3

**to air an opinion about****exprimer une opinion**

The First Amendment guarantees freedom of speech to its citizens, thus they are in theory allowed to air an opinion about any subject.

**to air one's views****faire connaître ses idées**

The NRA never fails to air its views on gun regulations when mass shootings occur in the USA.

**albeit****quoique, encore que, bien que**

Theresa May has made an effort, albeit an unsuccessful one, to embody her slogan 'Strong and Stable'.

**alike****semblable, pareil, identique****to be alive and well (kicking)****exister bel et bien, être plein de vie**

Despite bland (*fade, terne*) government claims, pensioners' poverty in Britain is alive and well.

**to be all to the good****être un plus**

To really compete in the current job market it is all to the good if you have some knowledge of computer coding.

**all round****totalement**

The British Army is striving to be an effective combat force all round due to the ever-changing nature of conflicts in today's political climate.

**to allay****apaiser, soulager**

Donald Trump increased military spending to allay fears regarding the threat of terrorism.

**to allay suspicion****dissiper les soupçons**

Members of the Congress will often push through somewhat inconsequential bills in order to allay suspicions that they are not fulfilling their duties to the public.

**to allege****prétendre**

The Prime Minister is alleged to have said that (*le Premier Ministre aurait dit que*) alleged illegal immigrants (*les immigrants qui seraient en situation irrégulière*) abound throughout the country.

**allegedly****à ce que l'on prétend, paraît-il**

Today 40% of the local population are reported to allegedly speak a dialect at home.

**an allegation****une allégation**

The careers of British MPs will often not last long if scandalous allegations are made against them.

**to alleviate****soulager, alléger**

New taxes should alleviate the government's financial problems.  
Food aid saves millions of lives each year, but it doesn't alleviate the root causes of famine. It is time we rethink how we feed the poor.

**all-out****complet, général**

Britain rarely sees an all-out trade union strike on a scale that affects its infrastructure.