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Series preface

There is a growing consensus that frequency information has a role to play in language learning. Data derived from corpora allows the frequency of individual words and phrases in a language to be determined. That information may then be incorporated into language learning. In this series, the frequency of words in large corpora is presented to learners to allow them to use frequency as a guide in their learning. In providing such a resource, we are both bringing students closer to real language (as opposed to textbook language, which often distorts the frequencies of features in a language, see Ljung 1990) and providing the possibility for students to use frequency as a guide for vocabulary learning. In addition we are providing information on differences between frequencies in spoken and written language as well as, from time to time, frequencies specific to certain genres.

Why should one do this? Nation (1990) has shown that the 4,000 – 5,000 most frequent words account for up to 95 per cent of a written text and the 1,000 most frequent words account for 85 per cent of speech. While Nation's results were for English, they do at least present the possibility that, by allowing frequency to be a general guide to vocabulary learning, one task facing learners – to acquire a lexicon which will serve them well on most occasions most of the time – could be achieved quite easily. While frequency alone may never act as the sole guide for a learner, it is nonetheless a very good guide, and one which may produce rapid results. In short, it seems rational to prioritize learning the words one is likely to hear and use most often. That is the philosophy behind this series of dictionaries.

The information in these dictionaries is presented in a number of formats to allow users to access the data in different ways. So, for example, if you would prefer not to simply drill down through the word frequency list, but would rather focus on verbs, the part of speech index will allow you to focus on just the most frequent verbs. Given that verbs typically account for 20 per cent of all words in a language, this may be a good strategy. Also, a focus on function words may be equally rewarding – 60 per cent of speech in English is composed of a mere 50 function words.

We also hope that the series provides information of use to the language teacher. The idea that frequency information may have a role to play in syllabus design is not new (see, for example, Sinclair and Renouf 1988). However, to date it has been difficult for those teaching languages other than English to use frequency information in syllabus design because of a lack of data. While English has long been well provided with such data, there has been a relative paucity of such material for other languages. This series aims to provide such information so that the benefits of the use of frequency information in syllabus design can be explored for languages other than English.

We are not claiming, of course, that frequency information should be used slavishly. It would be a pity if teachers and students failed to notice important generalizations across the lexis presented in these dictionaries. So, for example, where one pronoun is more frequent than another, it would be problematic if a student felt they had learned all pronouns when

they had learned only the most frequent pronoun. Our response to such issues in this series is to provide indexes to the data from a number of perspectives. So, for example, a student working down the frequency list who encounters a pronoun can switch to the part of speech list to see what other pronouns there are in the dictionary and what their frequencies are. In short, by using the lists in combination a student or teacher should be able to focus on specific words and groups of words. Such a use of the data presented here is to be encouraged.

> Tony McEnery and Paul Rayson Lancaster, 2005

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Abbreviations

Categories		Example	
adj	adjective	1026	lourd adj heavy
adv	adverb	1071	certainement adv certainly
conj	conjunction	528	puisque conj since
det	determiner	214	votre <i>det</i> your
intj	interjection	889	euh <i>intj</i> er, um, uh
n	noun	802	absence nf absence
nadj	noun/adjective	4614	insensé <i>nadj</i> insane
prep	preposition	389	parmi <i>prep</i> among
pro	pronoun	522	lui-même pro himself
V	verb	1014	confirmer v to confirm
Features on categories		Example	
f	feminine	1011	armée nf army
i	invariable	1324	après-midi nmi afternoon
m	masculine	707	signe nm sign
pl	plural	3654	dépens nmpl expense
(f)	no distinct feminine	3770	apte <i>adj</i> (f) capable
(pl)	no distinct plural	3901	croix nf(pl) cross

Introduction

The value of a frequency dictionary for French

Today French is the second most taught and widespread second language globally, behind English. Yet, surprisingly, there is no current corpus-based frequency dictionary of the French language. The present dictionary is meant to address this shortcoming, and is part of a series that includes other highly useful dictionaries for Spanish (Davies, 2006) and Portuguese (Davies & Preto-Bay, 2008). As such it is similar in intent, approach, structure, and content to its predecessors. As noted below, some modifications have also been made to make it more usable for English speakers, who do constitute the largest group of speakers on the planet.

The purpose for this book is to prepare students of French for the words that they are most likely to encounter in the "real world". It is meant to help alleviate the phenomenon encountered all too often in dictionaries and language primers where word lists are introduced based on intuitive or unverifiable notions of which words might conceivably be most useful for students to acquire, and in which order. The dictionary is designed primarily as a reference work which could be used in concert with standard classroom curricular materials or used on an individual study basis. Ideas on how to carry out this integration have been noted in the previous dictionaries noted above.

Contents of the dictionary

This is first and foremost a frequency dictionary. The principal information concerns the 5,000 most frequent words in French as determined in the process described below. This information is arranged in three different formats: (i) a main frequency listing, which begins with the most frequent word (with associated information) followed by the next most frequent word, and so forth; (ii) an alphabetical index of these words, and (iii) a frequency listing of the words organized by part of speech, and (iv) thematic lists grouping some of the words into related semantic classes. Each of the entries in the main frequency listing contains the word itself, its part(s) of speech (e.g. noun, verb, adjective, etc.), a context reflecting its actual usage previously in French, an English translation of that context, and summary statistical information about the usage of that word. Some or all of this information is likely to be highly useful for language learners in different settings.

The vocabulary itself was derived from a corpus, or body, of French texts. The corpus we collected was assembled specifically for this work and totals millions of words, half of them reflecting transcriptions of spoken French and the other half written French texts. Since the dictionary is focused primarily on frequency and usage, the words do not have associated with them any pronunciation guides, etymological history, or domain-specific usage information. The dictionary is also focused on single words, which is a crucial but not exclusive consideration in language learning; to extensively address fixed word expressions such as collocations and idioms would be beyond the scope of this dictionary.

The dictionary, then, is designed as an instrument for helping students acquire a core vocabulary of French words in various ways, including based on their observed frequency in recent French language usage. The versatility in its organization should presumably allow its use in a wide range of language learning scenarios.

Previous frequency dictionaries for French

French dictionaries are plentiful and widely varied in content, so one might wonder whether another dictionary is necessary. A short survey of existing dictionaries should suffice to illustrate why this one was developed.

Two landmark frequency dictionaries have been produced for French. One (Henmon 1924) was based on 400,000 words of text, and the other (Juilland *et al.* 1970) derives from a study of 500,000 words.

Information on the words contained in those lists, though, was minimal, and the ability to handle more sizable corpora has since – of course – been vastly improved with computer technology.

Other word reference lists have been developed largely for scholarly purposes and hence not very accessible to the average learner. Brunet (1981) focuses on development of French vocabulary over time based on the superb Trésor de la Langue Française (Imbs 1971-1994). Beauchemin *et al.* (1992) focus only on the French spoken in Quebec. All of these resources require some effort to use effectively.

Some lexical resources are at the disposal of French language learners through the Internet, such as the ARTFL FRANTEXT and TLFi resources. The subscription costs and on-line access methods are sometimes less practical than having a reasonably sized dictionary like this one at one's fingertips.

Finally, some helpful recent beginner dictionaries exist, though each has its own limitations. Recent ones by Oxford University Press (2006), Living Language (Lazare 1992), and Dover Publications (Buxbaum 2001) list from 1001 to 20,000 "most useful" words but give no rationale for how they were selected. Another venerable work by Gougenheim (1958) lists 3500 basic French words with related information including definitions, but which are entirely in French and hence challenging for the beginner.

Our dictionary seeks to combine the best from this tradition of French lexical research while at the same time avoiding these shortcomings. Its presentation design and the rationale and methodology for selecting the contents reflect what we believe to be the state of the art in corpus research, text processing, and lexicography.

The corpus and its annotation

Our dictionary is derived from a corpus of some 23,000,000 French words that have been assembled from a wide variety of sources. As mentioned above, half of this total reflects a collection of transcriptions from oral or spoken French, while the other half reflects French in its textual or written form. Reflecting a desire to make our dictionary a modern representation of the French language, we have included no materials that date before the year 1950.

We did not try to proportion our data based on geographical region or demographics, but we did try

to achieve some balance across genres; however, this balance is not perfect. It is also important to note that some of our content from particular sources was exhaustive whereas in other cases it was selectively or randomly sampled; in other words, only parts of the material were used because there was too much content and hence the risk of skewing coverage of particular areas.

The spoken text portion of the corpus was made up of approximately 11.5 million words. These words were pulled from such various forms such as transcripts of governmental debates/hearings, telephone calls, and face-to-face dialogues. There were also transcripts of interviews with writers, entertainment figures, business leaders, athletes, academicians and other media personnel. And finally we made use of movie scripts/subtitles and theatrical plays.

The written text portion of the corpus was also made up of roughly 11.5 million words. This part of the corpus was assembled from newswire stories, daily and weekly newspapers, newsletters, bulletins, business correspondence, and technical manuals. Magazines such as popular science and other technical publications were used. We also targeted different genres of literature such as fiction/nonfiction essays, memoirs, novels and more.

Table 1 gives a more detailed listing of the composition of the corpus.

Corpus standardization and annotation

Collection of the corpus involved much work in what has been called corpus standardization or text preprocessing. Given the wide range of sources for the corpus, they involved many different file types, character encodings, and formatting conventions. For example, the documents used a wide range of character representations and formats such as EBCDIC, MACROMAN, ISO, UTF-8, and HTML. In many cases unneeded material such as images, advertisements, or templatic information had to be stripped out, a process called document scrubbing.

Each type of transcription or text document was then processed so that the paragraphs, sentences, words, and characters were identified and encoded in a standard way to enable further processing, a process called tokenization. The scrubbing and tokenization processes involve linguistic issues that had to be addressed, such as deciding on how to break up

	Approx. #		
	of words	Туре	Sources
Spoken			
	175,000	Conversations	3
	3,750,000	Canadian Hansard	4
	3,020,000	Misc. interviews/transcripts	5
	1,000,000	European Union parliamentary debates	6
	855,000	Telephone conversations	7
	470,000	Theatre dialogue/monologue	8
	2,230,000	Film subtitles	9
TOTAL	11,500,000		
Written			
	3,000,000	Newswire stories	10
	2,015,000	Newspaper stories	11
	4,734,000	Literature (fiction, non-fiction)	12
	434,000	Popular science magazine articles	13
	1,317,000	Newsletters, tech reports, user manuals	14
TOTAL	11,500,000		
GRAND TOTAL	23,000,000		

Table 1 Composition of 23 million word French corpus

³ The French portion of the C-ORAL-ROM corpus (Cresti & Moneglia 2005).

⁴ Aligned Hansards of the 36th Parliament of Canada; for more information consult http://www.isi.edu/natural-language/download/hansard/.

⁵ Miscellaneous transcripts of interviews with various business, political, artistic, and academic personalities mined from hundreds of Internet sites. Many were from media sites such as French television studios (e.g. www.tf1.fr and www.france2.fr), publishing houses (www.lonergan.fr), popular culture websites (e.g. www.evene.fr), and business information portals (e.g. http://www.journaldunet.com).

⁶ A small random sampling from the French portion of the Multilingual Corpora for Cooperation (MLCC) corpus. See resource W0023 at www.elda.fr.

⁷ Aligned transcribed training data from the ESTER Phase 2 evaluation campaign; downloaded from http://www.irisa.fr/metiss/guig/ester/.

- ⁸ A small random sampling of extracts from theatrical works posted at various sites including www.leproscenium.fr.
- ⁹ Selected portions of several film subtitles from Jörg Tiedemann's OPUS corpus; downloaded from http://urd.let.rug.nl/tiedeman/OPUS/OpenSubtitles.php.
- ¹⁰ A tiny random sampling of stories from the French GigaWord corpus; for more information see http://www.ldc.upenn.edu/Catalog/CatalogEntry.jsp?catalogId=LDC2006T17.
- ¹¹ A sampling from newspaper articles on the Internet from journalism sites throughout the French-speaking world (e.g. www.lemonde.fr, www.ledevoir.com).
- ¹² Samples and complete short works of fiction and non-fiction works from various publishing houses (e.g. www.edition-grasset.fr, www.lonergan.fr) and Web virtual libraries (e.g. www.gutenberg.org).
- ¹³ A variety of articles from popular science magazine sites on the Internet (e.g. www.pourlascience.com, www.larecherche.com, etc.).
- ¹⁴ A variety of technical report and newsletter articles including weather bulletins, user manuals, business newsletters, and banking correspondence. Some of these materials are sampled from the French portions of the European Corpus Initiative (see http://www.ldc.upenn.edu/Catalog/CatalogEntry.jsp?catalogld=LDC2006T17.

words separated by hyphens (dis-moi vs. week-end) and apostrophes (l'homme vs. aujourd'hui). Some documents had accented upper letters whereas others did not, so the process of case folding – or reducing capitalized words to their lower-case form – was also nontrivial. Many special symbols including degree signs, ellipsis punctuation, currency symbols, bullets, and dots also required standardization. To perform all of this work we used several file conversion programs as well as our own Perl scripts, Unix tools (e.g. make, awk, grep, sort, uniq, join, comm), and SGML/HTML/XML parsers.

Once the corpus was standardized, it was then necessary for us to assign to each word its part of speech; in other words, whether it functions as a noun, a verb, an adjective, and so forth. Currently there are about a dozen different part of speech taggers for the French language, each with its own theoretical framework, implementation approach, and set of tag encodings to flag the relevant parts of speech for each word. In this work we installed and tested several of these taggers. In our case we found that each tagger had its own strengths and weaknesses and that by combining several of them and merging the results in a postprocessing stage we could create our own tagging procedure and tagset to produce the best results for our purpose. We also performed a certain amount of editing and correcting tagging results by hand for the most common tagging errors, though for the entire corpus a thorough examination of each word would have been prohibitively time-consuming and costly.

It was also necessary to perform a morphological analysis of each word in the corpus to find its base form, or lemma. For example, the second word in the sentence "Je suis heureux." is a verb conjugation of the verb "être", which is its base form or lemma. Similarly, pronouns with regular inflections (e.g. "il" to "ils"), adjectives, and determiners with variant forms were combined together. The lemmatization process was necessary for our frequency computations, to be described below. Various lemmatization programs exist for French, and in fact some of them perform both part of speech tagging and lemmatization at the same time. In this stage, too, there were challenges that we had to overcome. For example, many words are morphologically ambiguous, having several possible lemmas, such as the verb form "suis" having both "être" and "suivre" as possible lemmas,

depending on the particular instance. Another difficulty is deciding when non-finite forms (i.e. past and present participles and infinitives) function more as verbs or as other parts of speech (especially nouns, adjectives). Again we found that combining some of the most popular programs and postprocessing the results ended up being the most helpful for our purposes.

Target vocabulary identification and description

With the whole corpus standardized and annotated, it was possible to compute word frequencies and identify the most-used words. Counting words in a corpus can be done in several ways. We have chosen to collapse all of the variant forms of the same word and sum them up together. For example, the word "pour" is a conjunction or preposition and occurs in two other forms across the corpus: "Pour" and "POUR". Summing up all occurrences of the variant forms of this word we arrive at a total count of 151,709. Similarly, plural forms of nouns are normally reduced to their singular form, verb conjugations are reduced to their infinitive form, and inflected adjectives are reduced to the masculine singular form, as is done in other French dictionaries. For example, throughout the corpus there are 25 different forms of the verb "déterminer" including inflections and variant forms such as "déterminerait", "détermine", "déterminons", and "Déterminez"; all of these were combined with their counts into the infinitive form.

Our target vocabulary list is thus formed from the top 5000 scoring lemmas in the corpus. In identifying these top 5000 lemmas, some items (such as proper nouns and punctuation) were rejected. However, one more refinement was necessary in identifying the top 5000 words. Experience in corpus linguistics has shown that the raw frequency count for all variants of a word turns out not to be the best measure of its usefulness. Consideration must be made of how widely a word is spread across the different parts of a corpus.

Exactly quantifying how widely a word is spread across a document or corpus has been a thorny problem in corpus linguistics. If a given word occurs very frequently in one part of the corpus (e.g. the spoken part) but not elsewhere, it might be desirable to discount that word's raw frequency so that it becomes a little less "important" in comparison to other less-frequent words. Literally dozens of approaches have been taken over the last decades to come up with workable solutions. One of the most promising, and the one used in the compilation of this book, is called the "deviation of proportions", or DP (Gries, 2008).

The DP measure looks at the proportion of a term's occurrence across various "slices" of a corpus, taking into account the size of each slice. Each word's final calculation involves three steps: (i) summing up all of the occurrences of that word's for each slice and normalizing it against that word's overall frequency in the whole corpus, called the "observed proportion"; (ii) normalizing each corpus slice with respect to the size of the whole corpus, called the "expected proportion"; (iii) computing the absolute difference between observed and expected proportions, summing them up, and dividing by 2. The result is a measure between 0 and 1, where 0 means the word is distributed evenly across the corpus slices and 1 means it is restricted to narrow parts of the corpus.

While helpful in describing word distribution across a corpus, the DP measure is only one metric, and for the purposes of this dictionary it was necessary to combine it with the raw frequency. Thus we computed, for each lemma, its frequency divided by its DP. The result determined the ranking of each lemma and hence its final appearance and relative order in the top 5000 words in the vocabulary. For example, all forms of the word "avoir" sum up to a frequency of 405,020 and its DP score is 0.11533. Its ranking score is thus 405020/0.115363, or 3,510,831.029. This is the sixth highest score among all of the lemmas, so this word places sixth in the ranked list.

Finally, the DP values are somewhat unwieldy as long numbers behind a decimal point. To solve this problem we mapped these values to a much more intuitive set of integers ranging from about 27 to 100. These numbers are called dispersion codes. The mathematical calculation for obtaining a dispersion code from its corresponding DP measure involves an exponential function: 100*exp^{-DP}. Values approaching 100 indicate that the word is quite evenly distributed across the corpus; values below 50 indicate words that are limited to only certain narrow portions of the corpus. in this dictionary are ranked by the summed frequency of all of their variant forms, tempered by how well they are spread across various portions of the corpus.

Once the terms were identified, additional information had to be collected to construct the associated entries.

Developing associated information

Providing parts of speech was done through a combination of automatic and manual methods. The values were derived from (i) the part of speech tags provided from the lemmatization process described above; (ii) popular lexical databases for French lexical information (e.g. BDLEX¹); and (iii) hand-editing of the merged and accumulated results.

Glossing the terms was a completely manual effort. An intuitive effort was made to give as much of the core meaning(s) as possible while at the same time avoiding the temptation to be exhaustive.

The next stage involved finding a suitable usage context for each word. In each case the usage context comes from the corpus itself, so that it represents an illustration of natural French, the way a Frenchspeaking person would use the word. Equally important was the need to find contexts that were clear, short, self-contained, and indicative of the core meaning of the word. Ideally, the contexts should also contain as few words as possible that are not covered in the dictionary elsewhere. To find the contexts, a computer-generated list of possible contexts was prepared for each word, and then scored automatically according to these criteria. We then manually chose from among these lists the best context for each word.

Like glossing, generating English translations for the usage contexts was also a human effort. Each context was taken in isolation and, often using the English glosses that had been prepared, a translation was entered manually. Some texts already had English translations from previous work and hence could have been extracted manually using word-alignment techniques, but we purposely chose to not use these techniques so as to assure that the translations were "fresh" in each instance.

Though these computations are somewhat technical, the general intuition is that the words

¹ See http://www.irit.fr/PERSONNEL/SAMOVA/decalmes/ IHMPT/ress_ling.v1/rbdlex_en.php.

Finally, we compiled the thematic lists. In each case the content of the list was done using a combination of automatic and manual techniques. For semantic subject areas (e.g. food and weather terms) hierarchical lexical databases (e.g. French WordNet²) were used to locate the terms' position in a taxonomy of semantic field areas. A parallel effort of hand-selecting relevant terms was also carried out, and the results were merged together.

All of these results have been combined into a comprehensive database (we used both mySQL and Microsoft Access) that enables versatile retrieval of relevant information.

In conclusion, this dictionary is calibrated to the learners' needs, and organized in such a way that is easy for the reader. Corpus linguistics is at the core of the effort, but a wide array of human skills and computational linguistic techniques were vital in the process.

The main frequency index

The frequency index is the main portion of this dictionary: it contains a ranked list of the top 5000 lemmas in French, starting with the highest-scoring one and progressing to the lowest-scoring word. Each entry has the following information:

ranked score (1, 2, 3...), headword, part(s) of speech, English gloss, sample context, English translation of sample context, dispersion value, raw frequency total, indication of register variation

For example, here is the entry for the word "aimer":

242 aimer v to like, love
tu sais que je t'aime you know l love you 71 | 10085 - n

This entry shows that the word (and all of its related forms) ranks 242nd among all French words in terms of combined frequency and dispersion. The part-ofspeech code shows that it's a verb. Two possible English glosses are "to like" and "to love". One context from the corpus is shown, which uses one of

² See http://www.illc.uva.nl/EuroWordNet/.

the related forms of this verb: "aime". An English translation for the usage context then appears. Next, the number "71" flags the dispersion value for the word on a scale from 27 to 100; the word and its forms are reasonably evenly spread across the corpus. The number "10085" indicates the raw frequency, or how many times the word and its related forms occur in the corpus. Finally, a register code – n indicates that this word is noticeably infrequent in nonfiction.

Here are some additional notes for the items appearing in the entries.

The part(s) of speech

Several categories have been combined to increase readability. For example, *nadj* signifies a word that can be either a noun or an adjective. Marking for major features is also provided, such as for gender (*nm* for masculine, *nf* for feminine), number (*pl* for non-distinct plurals), and invariable words that don't inflect (e.g. *adji*). Some nouns have both genders. In this dictionary participles that have drifted semantically from their core meaning, or that have acquired a status that makes them more like adjectives or nouns, have been listed separately. Examples of such words include "reçu (receipt)", "fabricant (manufacturer)", and "âgé (old)".

The English gloss

The gloss is meant to be indicative only – it's not a complete listing of all possibilities. This is not an exhaustive bilingual dictionary. Many of these words also participate in idioms, fixed expressions, collocations, or multi-word expressions. These meanings are not included in the glosses since the focus is on single words. The glosses are written in standard American English. In certain parts of the dictionary (e.g. in the thematic lists) only shortened forms of the glosses are used.

The French usage context

As noted above, all of the usage contexts come from the corpus itself. In selecting them the goal was to find contexts that illustrate clearly the core meaning of the word as concisely as possible. Contexts will sometimes unavoidably include words that are not in the top 5000 words, as well as occasional idiomatic usages. The contexts are taken verbatim, with only very infrequent correction (e.g. spelling errors). Capitalization is (for the most part) neutralized to improve readability. Sometimes the contexts are not always grammatically correct, especially when taken from a spoken language transcript where speech errors, non-standard usage, and non-prescribed forms are common (e.g. "j'sais pas" vs. "je ne sais pas"). Finally, the contexts reflect real-world usage, and hence may not always be factually or politically correct. No editorial endorsement or philosophical conclusions should be ascribed to the authors on the basis of the contexts used.

The English translation of the context

Translations are rendered into American English, with it attendant spelling and vocabulary choices. An attempt was made to project the register, style, and structure, of the source context into its translation. However, translations were focused more on meaning than structure, so some translations are fairly loose and sometimes creative. On occasion a translation may involve a word whose part of speech is different than its related word appearing in the English gloss. Since the glosses are only meant to be indicative and not exhaustive, the translations may involve words not shown in the glosses, but usually the relationship is readily apparent. Sometimes idiomatic usages or collocations may be used in a translation to show how flexibly the word can be used. It is important to note that the contexts were translated in standalone fashion. Since the context was isolated from its surrounding material before translation, reference of pronouns, articles, etc. is not guaranteed to perfect match the meanings in the source documents. For example, a context "Je lui téléphone" might either be translated "I'm telephoning him" or "I'm telephoning her". Clearly one translation would be most appropriate to the context when viewed in its original source file, but to supply such is not necessarily our intention here.

The statistical and register information

The last line of each entry has two numbers divided by a vertical bar. The first is the dispersion value discussed above. The second is the raw frequency count for all of the variants of the entry's headword. Some words also have a register code that specifies the word's distribution across registers. The three registers and their codes are spoken (\pm), literature (\pm), and non-fiction (\pm n). A positive value for some register means that the word occurs in the top 5% of the expected frequencies for the words in that register, when compared against the other two registers. Conversely, a negative value means that the word occurs in the bottom 5% of the expected frequencies for the words in that register. For example the first-person pronoun "je" has a **-n** register code, indicating that it occurs comparatively very infrequently in the nonfiction register. On the other hand, a very imagery-laden descriptive adverb like "brusquement" has the codes **+I** and **-s**, meaning that it is very infrequent in spoken language but very frequent in literature.

Thematic vocabulary ("call-out boxes")

A number of thematically-grouped words are given in tables that are placed throughout the frequency index. These include lists of terms for such semantic classes as animals, body parts, foods, colors, nationalities, and professions. Other tables give data on grammatical questions (e.g. use of the pronoun "se"), word length, and variation of word usage across the three registers (spoken, literature, and nonfiction). When glosses appear in these lists, they may only represent a portion of the glosses given in the main frequency list. In addition, sometimes words are ambiguous in their meaning; for example, the word "poisson (fish)" is both an animal and a food. In cases where the word's usage exhibits a clear preference for one sense over another, it will only appear in the list associated with the preferred sense. In other cases, though, where no clear preference exists, the word may appear in both relevant thematic lists.

Alphabetical and part of speech indexes

The alphabetical index gives an alphabetical listing of all of the words listed in the previous section. Each entry in this chapter includes: (1) the lemma (2) the part of speech (3) a basic English equivalent, and (4) the word's score in this dictionary.

The part of speech index gives a listing of the words from the frequency index, this time arranged by "parts of speech". Each category lists the lemmas by their score in decreasing frequency of occurrence. The alphabetical index can be used to link a given word with its score.

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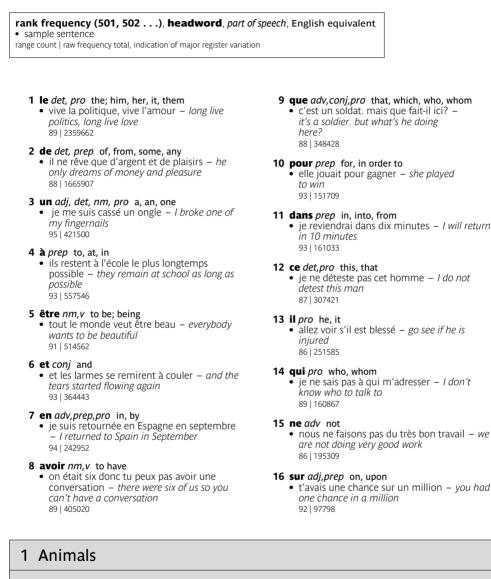
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- 17 se pro oneself, himself, herself, itself, themselves
 - avec ce traité, le Japon se rapproche des Etats-Unis – with this treaty, Japan brings itself closer to the U.S. 88 1144707

18 pas *adv,nm(pl)* not, n't; footstep

- non, ne touchez pas! no, don't touch it!
 - 83 | 161746

19 plus adv more, no more

il est considérablement plus jeune que moi

 he's considerably younger than I am
 90 | 85987

20 pouvoir nm, v can, to be able to

 tu peux jouer de la guitare électrique – you can play electric guitar
 90 | 78074

21 par prep by

 il s'y trouvait par hasard – he found himself there by accident
 87 | 99628

22 je pro 1

 je suis contente de vous revoir – I am happy to see you again
 73 | 227259-n

23 avec prep with

 vous voulez aller au ciné avec moi? – do you want to go to a movie with me?
 91 | 66056

24 tout adv, det, nadj, pro all, very

 comme vous voyez, tout est propre – as you see, everything is clean
 86 | 95071

25 faire nm,v to do, make

• qu'est-ce qu'il fait? – what's he doing? 85 | 99587

26 son det,nm his, her, its; sound; bran

 un ami ingénieur du son m'aide pour les arrangements – a sound engineer friend of mine helped me with the arrangements 81 | 116681

27 mettre v to put, place

 je peux me mettre à votre table? – may I sit at your table?
 96 | 19654

28 autre det, nadj(f), pro other

 il y a un autre problème – there's another problem
 91 | 40519

29 on pro one, we

 on tire et on pose les questions ensuite – we shoot first and ask questions later 80 | 87982

30 mais adv, conj, intj but

 je ne suis pas riche, mais je connais la vérité – l'm not rich, but l know the truth 83 | 69661

31 nous pro we, us

 nous devons nous défendre nous-mêmes – we must defend ourselves
 78 | 89100

32 comme adv, conj like, as

 Tony et moi, on est comme des frères – Tony and I, we're like brothers
 87 | 49608

33 ou conj or

 il en reste du café ou pas? – is there some coffee left or not?
 86 | 49714

34 si adv, conj, nmi if, whether

 aujourd¹hui, notre économie va si mal – today our economy is going so poorly 87 | 46439

35 leur det, adj(f), pro them, their, theirs

 l'énergie solaire assurait leur survie – solar energy assured their survival
 87 | 39904

36 y adv,nmi,pro there

 c'est certain qu'on va y aller – it's for certain that we'll be going there
 83 | 55889

37 dire nm,v to say

 je décrochais le téléphone sans rien dire à personne – I picked up the telephone receiver without saying anything to anyone 77 | 66657-n

38 elle pro she, her

 j'étais fou amoureux. elle m'aimait bien

 I was head-over-heels in love. she loved me a lot
 78 | 66136

39 devoir nm, v to have to, owe; duty

 je dois travailler sans la moindre entrave – I must work without the least bit of hindrance 83 | 46491

40 avant adji, adv, nm, prep before

 tu vas te pencher en avant – you're going to lean forward
 94 | 14109

41 deux det,nmi two

 il prend le train deux fois par semaine pour affaires – he takes the train on business twice per week
 87 | 31727

42 même adj(f), adv, pro same, even, self

 ils ne s'excusent même pas – they don't even excuse themselves
 85 | 37784

43 prendre v to take

 elle lui prit la main – she took him by the hand
 90 | 24323

44 aussi adv, conj too, also, as

 je rêvais aussi de beaucoup voyager – I also dreamed of traveling a lot 88 | 26219

45 **celui** pro that, the one, he, him

 tu es celui que je respecte le plus – you're the one l respect the most 87 | 28015

46 donner v to give

 j'aurais donné ma vie pour lui – I would have given my life for him 90 | 19581

47 bien adji,adv,nm well

 tout va bien maintenant – everything's going well now
 81 | 39477

48 où adv, pro where

 on në dit pas où il vit – they aren't saying where he lives
 87 | 27126

49 fois nf(pl) time, times

 lève la main une fois – raise your hand one time 92 | 15724

50 vous pro you

 ici, vous avez une personnalité publique – here, you are a public personality
 65 | 77127-n +s

51 encore adv again, yet

 tu as encore menti à ta femme – you lied once again to your wife
 89 | 19772

52 nouveau adj,nm new

 il a construit une nouvelle vie ici – he made a new life for himself here
 88 | 22005

53 aller nm, v to go

 tu devrais aller te coucher, tu as l'air vanné – you should go to bed, you look wiped out 73 | 50452

54 cela pro that, it

 cela demande de l'intégrité et du courage – that requires integrity and courage 73 | 50891-n +s

55 entre prep between

 je marche entre les maisons – l'm walking between the houses 86123028

56 premier det, nadj first

 est-elle la première épouse, la deuxième? – is she the first wife, the second one?
 84 | 27061

57 vouloir nm,v to want

 tu veux faire ton chemin. c'est bien – you want to continue on your way. that's OK 79 | 36467

58 déjà adv already

 les rues étaient déjà pleines de monde – the streets were already full of people
 93 | 11298

59 grand adv, nadj great, big, tall

 tu es plus grand que je pensais – you're taller than I thought 87 | 21583

60 mon det my

 t'aurais pu rencontrer mon copain – you could've met my buddy
 70 | 55084-n

61 me pro me, to me, myself

 reviens me voir dans cinq ou six ans – come back to see me in five or six years
 65 | 63357-n

62 moins adji(pl),adv,nm(pl),prep less

- il avait moins d'excuses encore que ses complices – he had even less excuses than his accomplices did 90 | 14730
- 63 aucun det, adj, pro none, either, neither, not any
 - trop d'argent et aucun goût too much money and no taste
 93 | 9641

64 lui pro him, her

 mais j'ai confiance qu'en lui – but l have confidence in him 75 | 38286

65 temps nm(pl) time

 sur le plan spirituel, le temps n'existe pas – on the spiritual level, time does not exist 86 | 20420

66 très adv very

 j'ai été bonne? très, très bonne – was l good? very, very good
 82 | 26324

67 savoir nm,v to know

 je ne savais plus quoi dire – I didn't know what to say any more 78 | 32739

68 falloir v to take, require, need

 il ne faut pas être raciste, point – there's no need to be a racist, at all 84 | 22844

69 voir v to see

 je tenais seulement à te voir pour te dire ... bonne chance – 1 just wanted to see you to say ... good luck 78 | 30907

70 quelque adv, adj, det some

 il restera pour quelques mois – he will stay for a few months 86 | 18939

71 sans prep without

 je fais plus jeune sans maquillage – I look younger without makeup
 81 | 25099

72 raison nf reason

• elle a raison, tu sais – *she's right, you know* 92 | 9506

73 notre det our

 notre ville a le sens de la communauté – our city has a sense of community 78 | 29713

74 dont pro whose, of which

 on a tout ce dont tu rêvais en ville – everything you dreamed about is available in town
 86 | 17841

75 non adv,nmi no, not

 non, je ne peux pas parler maintenant – no, I can't talk now
 81 | 24848

76 an nm year

 j'avais un an à la mort de mon père – I was one year old when my father died 82 | 22241

77 monde *nm* world, people

 notre ultime but est de reconstruire le monde – our ultimate goal is to remake the world
 87 | 15475

78 jour nm day

 un jour, je retrouverais mes vrais parents – one day, I would find my real parents
 a6 | 17641

79 monsieur nm mister, sir, gentleman

comment allez-vous , monsieur? – how are you, sir?
 67 | 45411

80 demander v to ask for

 j'ai un service à vous demander – I would like to ask you to do something for me 86 | 16076

81 alors adv then, so

 et alors? vous revenez quand? – so? when are you coming back ?
 84 | 18443

82 après adv, prep after

 il a succombé à ses blessures peu après

 he shortly thereafter succumbed to his wounds
 83 | 17733

83 trouver v to find

- j'ai trouvé du sang. sur le siège avant l found some blood. on the front seat 85 | 16036
- **84 personne** *nf,pro* person, people, anybody, anyone, nobody
 - il ne parlait à personne en particulier he was speaking to nobody in particular 84 | 16218

85 rendre *v* to render, return, yield, give up

 je m'y rendis à 4 heures du matin – I went there at 4 o'clock in the morning 90 | 10226

86 part nf share

 je voudrais vous faire part de quelques données – I want to share some data with you
 91 [8971

87 dernier nadj last

 c'est le dernier endroit où vous auriez dû vous rencontrer – that's the last place you should have met
 83 | 17524

88 venir v to come

venez rencontrer les autres – come meet the others
 81 | 19776

89 pendant *adj,prep,nm* during; pendant

 où t'étais pendant tout ce temps? – where were you all of this time?
 91 | 8413

90 passer v to pass

 nous sommes passées devant la maison de ma grand-mère – we went past the front of my grandmother's place
 83 | 17070

91 peu adv little

 un secret se dévoile peu à peu – a secret unfolds little by little
 81 | 18830

92 lequel pro who, whom, which

 il y a bien des points sur lesquels je voudrais faire des commentaires – there are many points on which I would like to comment 87 | 12507

93 suite nf result, follow-up, rest

 deux, trois et ainsi de suite – two, three, and so on
 93 | 5964

94 bon adj, adv, intj, nm good

 ce n'est pas le bon moment – it's not a good time
 81 | 18375

. . . .

 95 comprendre v to understand
 je comprends que vous soyez fâché – I understand that you're upset 87 | 12482

96 depuis adv, prep since, for

je le connais depuis le lycée – I have known him since high school 83 | 16243

97 point adv,nm point; at all

je suis d'accord avec ce point de vue
 I'm in agreement with that point of view
 85 | 13938

98 ainsi adv thus

 qu'est-ce qui le pousse à agir ainsi? – what drives him to act that way?
 86 | 12358

99 heure nf hour

 a quelle heure sont-ils partis? – at what time did they leave?
 85 | 13215

100 rester v to stay

 le temps qu'il te reste, trouve une solution – in the remaining time, find a solution 86 | 11942

101 seul adj alone, only

102 année nf year

 il devait se présenter l'année suivante – he had to show up the next year
 81 | 16316

103 toujours adv always

• tu es toujours en retard *– you're always late* 81 | 15106

104 tenir v to hold

 c'est une porte de sécurité. tiens ça – it's a security door. hold this 85 | 12229

105 porter *nm*,*v* to wear, carry

 il a porté le maillot jaune un jour – he wore the yellow jersey one day 89 | 8044

106 parler nm, v to speak

 je sais de quoi je parle – I know what I'm talking about
 77 | 18598-n

107 fort adv, adj, nm strong

 c'est une femme forte – she is a strong woman
 90 | 6811

108 montrer v to show

 c'est une étrange façon de montrer votre reconnaissance – that's a strange way to show your gratitude 92 | 5634

109 là adv, intj there, here

 je n'étais pas passé par là – I hadn't passed by there
 73 | 21735-n

110 certain adj, det, nm, pro certain, sure

 certains ont affirmé que le gouvernement était trop faible – some contend that the government was too weak
 79 | 16317

111 fin adj,adv,nf,nm end; gist; clever person

 la fin est importante en toutes choses – the ending is important in everything 85 | 10595

112 tu pro you

 a ma place, tu ne le ferais pas – in my position, you would not do it
 54 | 42483-n+s

113 continuer v to continue

 tu continues de m'impressionner – you continue to impress me 91 | 6377

114 pays nm(pl) country

 ils vivent dans ce beau pays – they live in this beautiful country 74 | 19496

115 trois det,nmi three

les trois chasseurs étaient en pleine lumière

 the three hunters were directly in the light
 12562

116 penser nm, v to think

 je pense que vous le connaissez bien – I think you know him very well
 78 | 16338-n

117 lieu nm place

 je suis né dans un lieu public – I was born in a public place
 89 | 7344

118 partie nf part

 il garde la majeure partie de cet argent – he's keeping most of that money
 85 | 10177

119 quand adv, conj when

 tu aurais dû me tuer quand tu en as eu l'occasion – you should have killed me when you had the chance 75 118704

120 suivre v to follow

 les autres, suivez-moi! – everybody else, follow me!
 89 | 7251

121 contre adv,nm,prep against

 je vois, tu es en colère contre moi – I see you're angry with me 78 | 15564

122 sous prep under

 juste sous ton nez – right under your nose 84 | 10840

123 côté nm side

 il s'arrête à côté du fauteuil – he stops beside the armchair
 89 | 7002

124 ensemble *adv,nm* together

 on n'a jamais été si bien ensemble – we've never gotten along so well together
 90 | 6055

125 chose adj(f), nf thing

 les choses pourraient bien changer à l'avenir – things could change in the future
 75 | 18086-n

126 enfant nm, nf, adj(f) child

 mes enfants sont en vie – my children are alive 85 | 9836

127 cause nf cause

 ces hallucinations ont une cause – these hallucinations have a cause
 91 | 5353

128 politique nadj(f) politics; political

 elle se spécialise en sciences politiques – her specialty is political science 77 | 15972

129 place *nf* room, space, square, place

 je n'aimerais pas être à votre place – I wouldn't want to be in your stead
 87 | 8092

130 seulement adv only

 on va seulement rester quelques jours, ma chérie – we're only going to stay a few days, my dear
 88 | 7546

131 moi nm, pro me

 tu sors avec moi ce soir? – are you going out with me tonight?
 63 | 27118-n

132 vie nf life

 je suis sûr qu'elle est en vie – I'm sure she's alive
 80 | 13285

133 connaître v to know

 je le connaissais depuis vingt ans – I had known him for twenty years
 83 | 10612

134 jusque adv, prep to, up to, until

 ils me poursuivirent jusque dans la rue – they followed me right into the street 85 | 9482

135 croire v to believe

- je n'arrive pas à y croire *I just can't believe it*
 - 77 | 15044-n

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136 homme nm man

 l'homme est plus important que l'État – man is more important than country 76 | 15266

137 cas nm(pl) case

 en tout cas, moi, je ne l'ai pas – in any case, I don't have it
 80 | 12096

138 petit nadj small, little

 ce petit drogué n'a pas tort – this little drug addict isn't wrong 76 | 15029

139 commencer *v* to begin, start

 il est important que ces entretiens commencent immédiatement – it's important that these meetings start immediately 88 | 6996

140 compter v to count

• je peux compter sur toi – *I can count on you* 89 | 6072

141 fait adj,nm done, fact

 dans les faits, il a raison – factually, he is correct
 80 | 12241

142 tel adj, det, pro such

 je váis m'abstenir d'employer un tel langage
 I'm going to refrain from using such language
 84 | 9491

143 droit adj, adv, nm right

 elle a le droit de tout savoir – she has the right to know everything 78 | 13566

144 question nf question

 je suis gêné de répondre à cette question – l'm embarrassed to answer this question 68 | 20584+s

145 donc *conj* so, then, therefore, thus

 nous avons donc dû faire les calculs nous-mêmes – we had to do the calculations ourselves 74 | 15588

146 quel det, adj, pro which, what

 quel livre cherchiez-vous? – which book are you looking for?
 80 | 11958

147 général nadj general

 voici quelques conseils généraux – here are a few general pieces of advice
 82 | 10245

148 moment nm moment

 arrête de parler pour un moment – stop talking for a moment
 82 | 10053

149 entendre v to hear

 j'ai entendu la nouvelle – I heard the news 81 | 10290

150 beaucoup *adv* much, a lot of, many

 il est en mesure de révéler beaucoup de choses – he's in a position to reveal many things 78 | 12421

151 chaque det, adj each

 chaque entreprise doit avoir sa propre organisation – every company must have its own organization 86 | 7202

152 jeune nadj(f) young

 le gouvernement cherche à exploiter les jeunes – the government is trying to exploit young people 83 | 9357

153 travail nm work

 je ne prenais pas mon travail au sérieux – I wasn't taking my work seriously 78 | 11952

154 femme nf woman, wife

je vous déclare maintenant mari et femme

 I now declare you husband and wife
 78 | 12016

155 attendre v to wait

 ma mère m'attend dans la grande salle – my mother awaits me in the large room 82 | 9327

156 remettre *v* to deliver, replace, set, put

 on s'est remis à marcher – we resumed walking
 93 | 3181

157 appeler v to call

• comment s'appelle-t-il? – what's his name? 83 | 8899

158 permettre v to allow

vous permettez que j'utilise votre téléphone?
 – would you allow me to use your telephone?
 78 | 11760

159 occuper v to occupy

 sa main droite était occupée à tenir la petite valise – his right hand was busy holding the small suitcase
 92 | 3921

160 gouvernement *nm* government

 le gouvernement a augmenté les impôts – the government increased taxes 58 | 25743+s

161 eux pro them

 c'est eux qui comptent – they are the ones who matter
 87 | 6631

162 devenir nm,v to become

 je suis très heureux que vous deveniez ma voisine – l'm very happy you've become my neighbor
 82 | 8933

163 partir v to leave

 il est parti à présent – he is gone for the moment
 83 | 8299

164 plan adj,nm plan

 achetez donc un plan de la ville – so buy a map of the city 87 | 5978

165 décider *v* to decide

 j'ai décidé d'écrire un roman – I decided to write a novel
 88 | 5533

166 soit adv, conj either...or

 il a pas le choix: soit il est une star soit il est rien – he doesn't have a choice: either he's a star or he's nothing 84 | 7623

167 ici adv here

• moi je reste ici – *I'm going to stay here* 77 | 11898

168 rien adv,nm,pro nothing

 moi, je n'en sais rien – I don't know anything about it
 69 | 16549

169 cours nfpl,nm(pl) course

 ils organisaient des petits cours et des séminaires – they organized short courses and seminars 82 | 8559

170 affaire nf business, matter

 occupe-toi de tes affaires – mind your own business 8019899

171 nom nm name

• quel est son nom? – what is his name? 85 | 6836

172 famille nf family

 il provient sûrement d'une excellente famille – he surely comes from an excellent family
 87 | 5986

173 effet nm effect

 il s'agit, en effet, d'une question cruciale – *it is, indeed, a crucial question* 83 | 8142

174 arriver v to arrive, happen

 cela ne m'était pas arrivé depuis – that hasn't happened to me since 79 | 10070

175 possible adj(f) possible

 nous avons donc deux scénarios possibles – so we have two possible scenarios
 86 | 6178

176 car conj,nm because; bus

 c'est dommage, car tu vas perdre un gros client – it's too bad, because you're going to lose a major customer
 81 | 8864

177 servir v to serve

 il m'a servi une coupe de champagne – he served me a glass of champagne
 89 | 4942

178 mois nm(pl) month

 il a écrit ce livre en deux mois – he wrote this book in two months
 82 | 8318

179 jamais adv never

 je jure de ne plus jamais te contacter – I swear I will never contact you again 73 | 12997

180 sembler v to seem

 le processus semble irréversible – the process seems irreversible
 83 | 7471

181 tant adv so much, so many

 mais vous avez tant à enseigner – but you have so much to teach
 84 | 7284

182 vers nm(pl), prep toward; verse

 un tram se dirige vers toi. monte dedans – a tram is approaching you. get on it 77 | 10203

183 besoin nm need

 nous avons vraiment besoin d'aide – we really need some help
 82 | 7899

184 revenir v to come back

 je sais qu'elle ne reviendra jamais – I know she will never return
 85 | 6514

185 dès prep from, as soon

 on me fera signe dès que vous descendrez – they'll wave to me as soon as you get down there 89 | 4537

186 moyen adj,nm means, way; medium

 il songeait aux moyens de profiter de sa victoire – he was dreaming of a way to profit from his victory
 81 | 8104

187 groupe nm group

 on va commencer avec le premier groupe – we'll start with the first group 76 | 10535

188 problème nm problem

 nous avons osé soulever le problème – we dared raise the problem
 76 | 10795+s

189 rapport nm relationship, report

 je propose que le rapport du comité soit adopté – I move that the committee's report be adopted 75 | 11146

190 peut-être adv perhaps, maybe

 j'ai peut-être une idée – I might have an idea
 79 | 9067

191 vue nf view

 la vue est belle, de cette fenêtre – the view from this window is pretty
 87 | 5172

192 maintenant adv now

 je ne peux pas partir maintenant – I can't leave now
 78 | 9309+s

193 pourquoi adv, conj, nmi why

 pourquoi tu ne m'invites pas? – why don't you invite me?
 74 | 11128-n +s

194 meilleur nadj better, best

 j'apprends à être un meilleur mari – I'm learning to be a better husband 87 | 5030

195 trop *adv* too much, too many

 la vie est trop courte. essayez d'être heureuse – life is too short. try to be happy 78 | 9356

2 Body

tête 343 F head	peau 2122 F skin	poitrine 4168 F breast
voix 414 F voice	cheveu 2296 M hair	gorge 4194 F throat
main 418 F hand		crâne 4314 M skull
	sac 2343 M sac	
ceil 474 M eye	organe 2417 M organ	coude 4404 M elbow
esprit 538 M mind	jambe 2472 F leg	poumon 4679 M lung
sein 563 M bosom	épaule 2494 F shoulder	poil 4723 M hair
cœur 568 M heart	nez 2661 M nose	foie 4817 M liver
pied 626 M foot	tissu 2696 M tissue	talon 5049 M heel
langue 712 F tongue	dent 2784 F tooth	barbe 5053 F beard
sang 1126 M blood	cadavre 2892 M corpse	veine 5263 F vein
bras 1253 M arm	lèvre 2927 F lip	cuisse 5292 F thigh
visage 1292 M face	cul 2949 M ass	rein 5493 M kidney
côte 1385 F rib	genou 2967 M knee	muscle 5860 M muscle
(also coast)	gueule 3015 F mouth	fesse 6087 F buttock
dos 1672 M back	•	estomac 6209 F stomach
front 1729 M forehead	ventre 3150 M belly	ongle 6275 F fingernail
figure 1825 F face	chair 3260 F flesh	cheville 6313 F ankle
(also figure)	pouce 3298 M thumb	sourcil 6344 M eyebrow
bouche 1838 F mouth	cou 3820 M neck	moustache 6360 F
oreille 1884 F ear	poing 3889 M fist	moustache
doigt 1938 M finger	joue 3932 F cheek	hormone 6434 F hormone
cerveau 1990 M brain	os 4092 M bone	tumeur 6450 F tumor

196 laisser v to leave

 il va nous laisser tranquilles – he'll leave us alone 77 | 9854

197 ordre nm order

 ce sont des scientifiques de premier ordre – they are first-rate scientists
 86 | 5610

198 devant *adv,nm,prep* in front, ahead

 une fumée montait devant nous sur l'horizon – smoke billowed ahead of us on the horizon
 81 | 7783

199 recevoir v to receive

 il n'a plus reçu de lettres de moi – he didn't receive any more letters from me 82 | 7201

200 répondre v to answer

 j'aimerais y répondre par une autre question

 I would like to respond to it with another question
 83 | 6672

201 vivre nm,v to live

 aucune Marocaine ne vit seule dans le quartier – no Moroccan woman lives alone in the neighborhood
 80 | 8023

202 long adv, nadj long, lengthy

l'éducation sur le long terme paiera, j'en

suis convaincu – long-term education pays off, I'm convinced of that 82 | 6947

203 service nm service

 je faisais mon service militaire – I was doing my military service 75 | 10131

204 ministre nm, nf minister

 les ministres se sont réunis dans la nuit – the ministers met during the night 57 | 20107-1

205 face nf front, side, face

 on s'est trouvés face à face – we found ourselves face to face
 85 | 5438

206 chez prep at, with

 elle ira peut être vivre définitivement chez lui – she might go live with him permanently 78 | 8646

207 te pro you, to you, from you

 je vais t'emmener chez un médecin – I'm going to take you to a doctor
 51 | 23312-n +s

208 rappeler v to recall, call back

je ne me rappelle pas avoir été aussi heureux
 I don't remember having been that happy
 86 | 4966

209 présenter v to present

papa je te présente Claire – *daddy, this is Claire* 79 | 8243

210 accepter v to accept

j'accepte avec plaisir votre aimable invitation
 – I accept with pleasure your kind invitation
 87 | 4705

211 agir *v* to act

- c'est le moment d'agir *now is the time to act*
 - 78 | 8418

212 simple *nadj(f)* simple

 on préférerait une réponse simple – we would prefer a simple answer 90 | 3579

213 plusieurs det, adj, pro several

 il y a plusieurs formes d'humour – there are several types of humor 80 | 7714

214 votre det your

 permettez-moi de vous parler dans votre langue – allow me to speak to you in your language
 64 | 15483-n +s

215 important nadj important

 c'est une question extrêmement importante – it's an extremely important question 75 | 9564

216 présent nadj present

 il est trop tard pour dîner à présent – it's too late to have supper now
 86 | 5151

217 mieux adji(pl),adv,nm better

 je ne vous ai jamais mieux aimée – I have never loved you more
 82 | 6736

218 poser v to put, pose, ask

 je ne me posais plus de questions – I didn't ask myself any more questions
 84 | 5949

219 jouer v to play

 les enfants jouent dehors – the children are playing outside
 83 | 6092

220 mot nm word

 je ne crois pas un mot sorti de ta petite bouche – I don't believe a single word from your little mouth 811/191

221 reconnaître v to recognize

 Joseph reconnut le chant de la grive – Joseph recognized the thrush's song 85 | 5513

222 force nf force

 parle-moi de ces forces surnaturelles – talk to me of these supernatural forces
 80 | 7546

223 situation nf situation

 dans des situations aussi difficiles, il faut trancher – in such difficult situations, drastic measures must be taken 79 | 7616

224 offrir v to offer

 alors, je vous offre la vie éternelle – so l offer you eternal life 87 | 4365

225 près adv, prep near, nearby, close by

 il y a un siège vide près de vous – there's an empty seat near you
 81 | 6660

226 choisir v to choose

 c'est maintenant le moment de choisir – now is the moment to choose
 89 | 3731

227 national nadj national

 il y avait l'intérêt national français – the national interests of the French were involved 74 | 9570

228 projet nm project

 le gouvernement ne financerait aucun projet touchant cette pratique – the government would not fund any project involving this practice 60 | 16661+s

229 ni conj nor

 je ne mange pas de viandes, ni de produits laitiers – I don't eat meat or dairy products 77 | 8528

230 puis adv then, so

 elle a tenté de me tuer, puis elle m'a chassée – she tried to kill me, then she chased me 72 | 10366

231 toucher nm, v to touch

 il lui touche l'épaule – he touches her shoulder
 88 | 4032

232 train nm train

 je pris le train pour un aller-retour vers la mer – *I took the train on a round-trip outing* to the sea
 90 | 3198

233 aujourd'hui adv today

 je peux, aujourd'hui encore, en réciter – even today I can still recite some of them 73 | 9905

234 comment adv,conj,intj,nmi how

 voyons un peu comment les choses se sont passées – let's take a look at how things unfolded 72 | 10133+s

235 surtout adv,nm especially, above all

 j'ai surtout besoin d'argent – what I need above all is money
 83 | 5548

236 gens nmpl people

 des gens sont venus me voir – people came to see me 70 | 11090-n +s

237 propre nadj(f) clean, proper

 la pétasse était propre, mec – the woman was clean, man 85 | 5012

238 grâce nf thanks, grace, favour

 je ne vous demande aucune grâce – I'm not asking you for any favors 90 | 3271

239 idée nf idea

 que pensez-vous de cette idée? – what do you think of this idea?
 81 | 6128

240 selon prep according to

 tout est prêt selon vos désirs – everything's ready according to your wishes
 68 | 11561

241 région nf region

 la région a connu une cinquantaine de massacres – the region has experienced some fifty massacres 78 | 7352

242 aimer v to like, love

 tu sais que je t'aime – you know I love you 71 | 10085-n

243 sens nm(pl) sense, meaning

 il manquait un sens à donner à ma vie – there was a lack of meaning in my life
 82 | 5836

244 retrouver v to find, recall

• je te retrouve dehors – I'll find you outside 84 | 5166

245 semaine nf week

 ma pièce se jouait cette semaine – my play was showing that week
 79 | 6831

246 également *adv* also, too, as well, equally

 reculer est également hors de question – backing down is also not an option 74 | 9011

247 ci adv, pro this one, here

 et celui-ci? oui, il est vraiment super – and this one here? yes, he's really great
 83 | 5303

248 façon nf way, manner

 c'est une façon de voir, je suppose – it's a way of looking at it, I guess
 75 | 8326

249 nombre nm number

 il existe un nombre infini de réponses possibles – there are an infinite number of possible answers 78 | 7158

250 perdre v to lose

vous avez perdu votre mère, mademoiselle?
 – did you lose your mother, miss?
 82 | 5728

251 français nadj(pl) French

 il faut leur parler en français – you need to speak to them in French 71 | 9969

252 expliquer v to explain

 je vous en prie, expliquez-moi tout – I beg you, explain everything to me 82 | 5749

253 quatre det,nmi four

 nous sommes quatre étudiants dans la maison – we're four students sharing a house
 80 | 6272

254 compte nm account, count

 cette ville a eu son compte de désastres – this city has had its fair share of disasters 81 | 5923

255 considérer v to consider

 la présidence considère cela comme une priorité majeure – the presidency considers that a major priority
 85 | 4591

256 lorsque conj when

 que se passe-t-il lorsque nous manquons de sucre? – what happens when we lack sugar? 74 | 8682

257 ouvrir v to open

 s'il vous plaît, ouvrez les yeux – please open your eyes
 83 | 5254

258 gagner v to win, earn

 que le meilleur gagne – may the best man win
 88 | 3492

259 exemple nm example

 ces exemples sont encore bien pauvres – these examples are still very weak
 73 | 8876

260 ville nf city

 nous étions de la même ville – we were from the same city
 81 | 5914

261 économique nadj(f) economic, economical

 le rétablissement économique de l'Asie est plus rapide que prévu – Asian economic recovery is faster than projected
 77 | 7421

262 mesure nf measure

 écrire me libère dans une certaine mesure – writing liberates me to a certain extent 70 | 9966

263 histoire nf history, story

 on a raconté d'amusantes histoires – we told funny stories
 80 | 6193

264 haut adv, nadj top, high

voilà qui vous lancera dans la haute société

 that's who will launch you into high society
 84 | 4897

265 ensuite adv next

 ensuite il va au restaurant – then he's going to the restaurant 88 | 3533

266 guerre nf war

 c'est nul, la guerre! – war is nothing! 77 | 6897

267 loi nf law

 je vais voter contre le projet de loi – l'm going to vote against the bill
 53 | 17361+s

268 président nm president

 j'ai rencontré le président des Etats-Unis – 1 met the president of the U.S.
 63 | 12235

269 exister v to exist

 le risque n'existe plus – there is no more risk
 83 | 5074

270 sûr adj sure

 tu m'attends? bien sûr, poupée – will you wait for me? of course, doll 78 | 6629

271 refuser v to refuse

 attendez . . . vous refusez d'obéir? – wait . . . you refuse to obey?
 87 | 3714

272 plutôt adv rather

 ce jet vole plutôt bas – this jet is flying rather low
 83 | 4794

273 bureau nm office, desk

 il veut vous voir dans son bureau immédiatement – he wants to see you in his office immediately
 91 | 2518

274 mauvais adv,nadj(pl) bad, wrong

 il constitue un pas dans la mauvaise direction – it constitutes a step in the wrong direction 88 | 3425

275 quant adv as for

 les vents tempêtueux ont modifié la situation quant aux avalanches – the stormy winds changed the avalanche situation
 89 | 2911

276 mort adj, nf dead; death

 la mort ne m'effraye pas – death doesn't frighten me 71 | 8855

277 mal adji,adv,nm bad

 autrement dit, la journée a plutôt mal commencé – in other words, the day started out rather badly 77 | 6809

278 lire nf,v to read; lira

 je ne voulais pas lire mes poèmes – I didn't want to read my poems
 80 | 5707

279 réussir v to succeed

 il ne réussit pas à vendre un seul dessin

 he can't manage to sell even one drawing
 89 | 2822

280 marché nm market

le marché des maisons est resté stable

 the housing market has remained stable
 74 | 7783

281 condition nf condition

 l'unité de la condition humaine – the unity of the human condition
 80 | 5589

282 international *nadj* international

 elle jouit également d'une excellente réputation internationale – she also has an excellent international reputation 70 | 9001

283 changer v to change

 ensemble, ils ont changé beaucoup de choses – together, they changed many things 82 | 5082

284 oui adv,nmi yes

• oui, oui, je sais! – yes, yes, I know 62 | 12295n +s

285 public nadj public, audience

 je dois beaucoup au public – I owe a lot to the public 78 | 6074

286 humain nadj human

 vous savez, on est humains, nous aussi – you know, we are also human
 81 | 5151

287 souvent adv often

 mais alors souvent en fin de soirée c'est la fête – well, often the night ends with a party 79 | 5945

288 cinq det,nm(pl) five

 j'ai cinq minutes, je dois rencontrer quelqu'un à midi – I have five minutes—I have to meet someone at noon 77 | 6263

289 système nm system

 j'ai décrit le système idéal – I described the ideal system
 10450

290 travailler v to work

 nous devons travailler ensemble – we have to work together
 76 | 6761

291 jeu nm game

 nous n'entrons pas dans le jeu de la politique – we don't enter into the political fray 85 | 3874

292 vrai adv, nadj true

 ah, oui, c'est vrai – oh, yes, that's right 73 | 7846

293 représenter v to represent

 il représente bien le sport français – he represents French sports very well 80 | 5385

294 madame nf madam, lady

 et je suis au service de madame – I'm at your service, ma'am 71 | 8195

295 société nf society

 on vit dans une société où tout s'accélère – we live in a society where everything is accelerating 73 | 7615

296 difficile nadj(f) difficult

 c'est difficile, monsieur, très difficile d'être un homme – sir, it's difficult—very difficult—to be a man 84 | 4116

297 quoi pro what

 je ne sais pas de quoi vous parlez – I don't know what you're talking about
 10985-n +s

298 entreprise nf enterprise, business

 j'ai moi-même l'esprit d'entreprise
 I myself have an entrepreneurial spirit
 72 | 7912

299 coup nm coup, blow, knock, stroke

 je lui donne juste un coup de main. je le lui dois – I'm just giving him a helping hand. I owe it to him 77 | 6123

300 or conj,nm gold; hence, thus

 je ne suis pas chercheuse d'or – l'm not a gold-digger
 87 | 3245

301 social nadj social

 elle a une dimension sociale autant que biologique – it has a social dimension as much as a biological one 71 | 8096

302 assurer v to assure, insure

 le contrat assure une pension à l'époux survivant – the contract guarantees a pension to the surviving spouse
 77 | 6044

303 essayer v to try

 je vais essayer de vous convaincre – I'll try to convince you
 79 | 5341

304 juste adv, nadj(f) just, only; fair

 vous êtes juste et impartial, comme toujours – you're fair and impartial, as always
 79 | 5294

305 étranger nadj foreigner; foreign

 la situation est bien différente à l'étranger – the situation is very different abroad 76 | 6272

306 empêcher *v* to prevent

 cela n'aurait évidemment rien empêché – apparently that wouldn't have prevented anything 89 | 2705

307 million nm million

 un quart de million d'articles ont été distribués – a quarter million articles were distributed
 69 | 8380

308 manière nf manner, way

 de cette manière, nous serons ensemble – this way, we will be together
 80 | 5094

309 sortir v to go out, leave

 sortez ou j'appelle la police – get out of here or l'Il call the police
 73 | 7005

310 prix nm(pl) price; prize

 il y a un prix pour les gagnants – there is a prize for the winners
 78 | 5543

311 terme nm term, deadline

 l'éducation sur le long terme paiera – education will pay off in the long term 77 | 5905

312 longtemps adv a long time, a long while

- pendant longtemps il ne bougea pas de son lit – for a long while he didn't move from his bed
 84 | 3743
- **313 reprendre** ν to resume, recover, start again, take back
 - on peut les arrêter, leur reprendre cette ville

 we can arrest them, take back this city from them
 8413867

314 courant adj,nm current

 je suis au courant, il a téléphoné – l'm aware of it, he telephoned 89 | 2490

315 intérêt nm interest

 l'avenir ne présente guère d'intérêt – the future is hardly interesting 77 | 5773

316 mener v to lead

 la police mène une enquête pour arrêter les assaillants – the police are leading an investigation to arrest the attackers
 85 | 3622

317 information nf information

 ces dirigeants ont décidé de taire ces informations – these leaders decided to suppress this information 73 | 6966

318 détail nm detail

 vous devriez tout me raconter en détails – you should tell me everything in minute detail 92 | 1765

319 appartenir v to belong

 cet argent n'appartient pas au gouvernement – this money does not belong to the government 91 | 1920

320 liberté nf liberty, freedom

 on se bat pour la liberté d'expression – we're fighting for freedom of expression 86 | 3350

321 assez adv enough

 les journées ne sont plus assez longues – the days are no longer long enough 77 | 5630

322 risquer v to risk

 un avocat ne viendra pas risquer sa vie – a lawyer won't come here to risk his life
 88 | 2752

323 chacun pro each

 ils ont chacun leurs intérêts, leurs passions

 they each have their own interests, passions
 gassions

324 concerner v to concern

 en ce qui me concerne, je voudrais te féliciter – for my part, I would like to congratulate you 70 | 7875

325 maison nf house

 elle est revenue habiter à la maison – she came back to live at home 76 | 5803

326 d'abord adv first of all

 je voudrais d'abord savoir quel métier tu exerces – I would first of all like to know what you do for a living 8313844

327 apprendre v to learn

 où as-tu appris le métier? – where did you learn your trade?
 83 | 4035

328 niveau nm level

 ce niveau de collaboration ne sera pas maintenu – this level of cooperation will not be maintained
 71 | 7236

329 rencontrer v to meet

 il rencontrera le pape au Vatican vendredi – he will meet the Pope at the Vatican on Friday
 82 | 4103

330 ton det,nm your; tone

 le ton était donné – the tone was sounded
 57 | 12083-n +s

331 œuvre nf work, task

 peu d'auteurs font référence à son œuvre – few authors cite his work
 84 | 3754

332 créer v to create

 des malentendus nous créent des problèmes terribles – misunderstandings create horrible problems for us
 77 | 5446

333 état nm state

la police était en état d'alerte maximum

 the police were in a full state of emergency
 f400

334 obtenir v to get, obtain

 j'essaierai d'obtenir la réponse pour demain – I will try to get the answer for tomorrow 79 | 5088

335 clair adv, nadj clear

 la nuit était froide et claire, sous la lune – the night was cold and clear, under the moon 86 | 3080

336 chercher v to look for

 je ne cherche pas la richesse – I am not seeking riches
 76 | 5694

337 entrer v to enter, go in, come in

 faut trouver le moyen d' entrer dans le soussol – gotta find the way to enter into the basement
 83 | 3800

338 proposer v to propose

 le jeune Français propose une promenade au parc – the young Frenchman proposed a stroll through the park
 73 | 6484

339 apporter v to bring

je vous ai apportée des fleurs de mon jardin
 – I brought you flowers from my garden
 84 | 3624

340 programme nm program

 utilisons ce programme comme il se doit – let's use this program the way it should be 69 17525

341 loin adv,nm far

 tu es venu de si loin – you came from so far away 8014677

342 ligne nf line

 il ne compte qu'une seule ligne de texte – it only has a single line of text
 80 | 4557

343 tête nf head

 ma tête me gratte – my head is itchy 71 | 6952

344 libre adj(f) free

 demain je suis libre toute la journée – tomorrow l'm free all day 87 | 2703

345 utiliser v to use

 il utilisait une sorte de rasoir – he was using some type of razor
 68 | 7709

346 atteindre v to reach

 leur fortune atteindrait des milliards – their fortune would reach billions 82 | 3980

347 tenter v to tempt, try

 il tente de sortir de l'Italie – he tried to leave Italy
 85 | 3186

348 tard adv late

 retournez au lit, il est tard – go back to bed, it's late
 82 | 3996

349 enfin adv at last, finally

 elle avait enfin la réponse – she finally got the answer 74 | 5989

350 différent adj different

 c'est un bruit complètement différent – it's a completely different noise
 75 | 5696

351 sorte nf sort, kind

 la boisson est une sorte de drogue – liquor is a kind of drug 79 | 4741

352 cependant *adv,conj* however

 cette sécurité se trouve cependant menacée – this security is, however, threatened 81 | 4220

353 sujet nm subject, topic

 je cherchais un sujet de mémoire – I was looking for a thesis topic
 73 | 6227

354 importer *v* to import; to be important

 il importait de ne pas répéter l'erreur – it's important to not repeat the mistake 86 | 3055