



SIMILAR WORDS 1a

{ Nom: _____ Classe: _____ }

Luckily a lot of French words look similar to English words (even if they're pronounced differently). Sometimes you can guess what the French word means just by looking at it carefully.

A Look at the box below to spot some familiar animals.

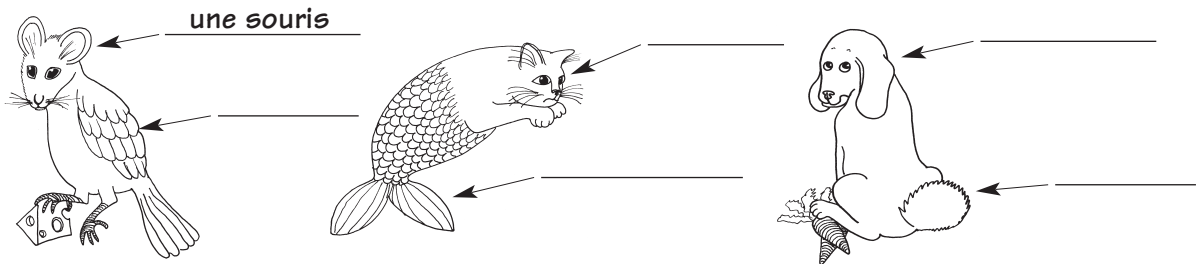
un oiseau	un chien	un poisson	un chat	une gerbille	un lapin
un hamster	un poney	un rat	une tortue	un cochon d'Inde	une souris

Two of these words are written exactly the same as English words – which ones?

Two words are the same as English words, except for one extra letter – which ones?

One word is the same as an English word, except for two extra letters – which one?

B Each of these strange creatures is a combination of two animals. Can you label each part with a word from the box above? Look up any words you don't know.



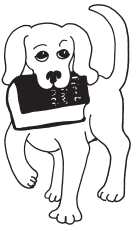
C Without looking in the dictionary, can you circle 2 animals, 1 sport and 1 food in the box below?

université	zéro	kangourou	karaté	ancêtre
kilomètre	intérêt	activité	chocolat	curiosité
		forêt	dangereux	novembre

EXTRA!

Write the English word and circle the differences.

université	<u>university</u>	forêt	_____
kilomètre	_____	intérêt	_____
dangereux	_____	chocolat	_____



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The rest of the sentence often helps you understand a French word. Sometimes you can guess what the word means without looking it up in the dictionary.

D Guess the answer to the following:

un **docteur** is someone who works a) in a hospital
b) on a farm

What English word is similar to **docteur**? _____

Le **théâtre** is somewhere you go to a) eat a meal
b) watch a play

What English word is similar to **théâtre**? _____

la **limonade** is a) something to drink
b) something to eat

What English word is similar to **limonade**? _____

E Try to think of the English word that is similar to these French words and complete the English sentence. You can then check in the dictionary to see if you've got it right.

Le français n'est pas une **langue** difficile.

French is not a difficult _____.

Cherchez le mot dans le **dictionnaire**.

Look up the word in the _____.

Ma **couleur** préférée, c'est le **bleu**.

My favourite _____ is _____.

You can use the English side of the dictionary to check you've spelled the English words correctly.

F Unfortunately, sometimes French words look very similar to English words but don't mean the same. But don't worry, the rest of the sentence will often give you clues. Try to fill in the gaps in the sentences below.

Mon **chat** s'appelle Muffin.

My _____ is called Muffin.

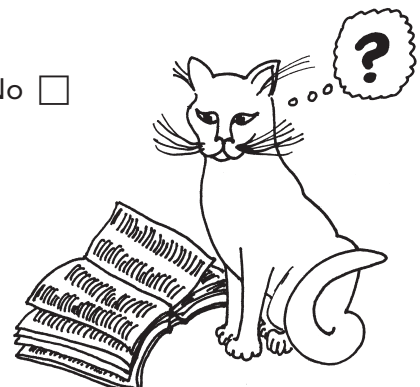
Does the English word **chat** make sense here? Yes No

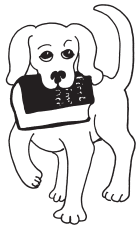
Gaëlle a les **dents** blanches.

Gaëlle has white _____.

Does the English word **dents** make sense here? Yes No

See if you guessed correctly by looking up your dictionary.





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EXTRA!

Because some French words are very like English ones it can be hard to remember which is the English word and which is the French! Put the words in the box into pairs. Look in the dictionary if you're not sure.

poney	guitar	blue	marriage	responsable
address	danse	girafe	adresse	dance
pony	giraffe	rythme	toilettes	rhythm
plant	septembre	responsable	September	guitare
colour	bleu	plante	mariage	couleur
	toilet			

French	English	French	English
<u>poney</u>	<u>pony</u>	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Which word starts with a capital letter in English, but a small letter in French?

English _____ French _____

