

Fiches d'anglais (MPSI/MP)

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1 Tutorials

it deals with : *traite de*
as a conclusion : to put it in a nutshell
on the one hand / on the other hand
the firm conviction / the equally firm conviction
in theory / in the real world
to call into question : *remettre en question*
it neatly captures : *rend de façon précise*
defining : *typique*
unarguable : *incontestable*
as a matter of fact : *il faut que je précise* – in point of fact
all things considered
when I weight up the pro and the cons
our knowing this enables us to...
if we where to..., we would...
irrelevant : *hors du propos*
the problem is deepening
to raise a question : *soulever une question*
as I already mentioned it
balanced : *neutre* – to restore equilibrium
even-handed : *impartial*

an instructive example : *un exemple édifiant*
the current situation : *la situation actuelle*
to advocate : *prôner*
it was to be expected : *il fallait s'y attendre*
to reopen a debate of principle : *relancer un débat de fond*
the grounds for smth : *le bien-fondé*
to stir up emotion : *suciter*
to put the spotlight on : *jeter la lumière sur*
he has shown himself to be reticent : *émettre des réserves*

this is a subject which has been generating a lot of column inches and hot air (*mots creux*)

a spot : *une chronique*
anchor man : *présentateur*

nimbyism, NIMBY attitude : Not In My Back Yard
a school of thought

2 Science

sustainable developpment : *développement durable*
depleted uranium : *uranium appauvri*
for uninitiated : *vulgarisation*
green house effect : *effet de serre*
mad cow disease : *maladie de la vache folle*
environmentally friendly

experiments : *expériences*
a physicist : *un physicien*
computer science : *informatique*
handheld : *de poche*
scholars : *érudits*

3 War

a battleship : *cuirassé*
shells : *obus*
accuracy : *précision*
slaughter : *massacre*
riots : *émeutes*
civilians : *civiles*
casualties : *victimes, blessés*
agony : *souffrance* – death agony : *agonie*
to wage war : *déclarer la guerre*

to retaliate : *user de représailles*
pay-back : *revenge*
to foil : *déjouer*
a blockade : *blocus*
anthrasic tumor : *tumeur charbonneuse*
America's motto : "America looks after its own"
to side with smbd

4 Politics

En : the Liberal Democrats (*démocrates*, center) – the Labour party (*travailleurs*, Tony Blair) – the Conservative (*conservateurs*, right)
Am : the Democrats (Al Gore) – the Republican (Bush)

liberals : lobster socialists, champaign left
to run for office : *se présenter à une élection*
to make very large claims for : *exagérer la portée de*
to make a fuss : *déclencher un scandale*
to exert pressure : *faire pression*
to set out arguments : *aligner des arguments*
popularity rating : *cote de popularité*
guidelines : *directives*
guidance : *orientation*

5 Economy

market economics : *économie de marché*
industrialists : *les industriels*
an economic downturn : *régression*
collapsed : fallen sharply
to soar : *monter en flèche*
to draw benefits from smth : *tirer profit de*
US foreign policy : isolationism, confrontation
corporate : *concernant l'entreprise*
corporate globalization : *mondialisation*
redundancy : *licenciements économiques*

6 Misc

however, though, whereas, but, moreover

the Star-Spangled Banner
the works : *l'œuvre*
quandary : *dilemme*
card board : *un carton*
pets
garbage : trash : rubbish : refuse
opportunity : *occasion*

thoroughly : *complètement*
reluctant : *réticent*
staggering : *bouleversant*
startling : *étonnant*
tremendous : *énorme*
slightly : *légèrement*
hardly : *à peine*
markedly : *nettement*
constantly
gloominess : *lugubre*
guilty / a culprit
flawless : without shortcoming : *sans défaut*
to be at a loose end : *être désœuvré*
clothes worn out (through) : *usées*

to involve : *impliquer*
to give rise to : *provoquer*
to object to doing smth : *refuser de faire qqch*
to be accustomed to : *habitué*
to be set to do smth : *être sur le point de*

7 Neat

he made as if to smile : *fait mine de*
he made the ghost of a smile : *l'ébauche d'un sourire*

nepotism : *employer sa famille*
cronyism : *employer ses amis*
bribe : *pot-de-vin*
blasphemous libel / slander : *diffamation écrite / orale*
a spin doctor : *un conseiller en communication*
a body : *un organisme*
peerpressure : *la pression des autres*

standard of living : *niveau de vie*
excesses : *dérives*
economic ≠ economical (*économe*)
the profit motive : *la logique commerciale*
to be quoted on the stock market : *coté en bourse*
to make a profit : *faire des bénéfices* – profitability : *rentabilité*
to benefit from
patterns of behaviour : *des schémas de comportement*

to be pushed into doing smth
to monitor : *suivre de près*
to find out : to decide
to cost : *évaluer le coût*
to bear a grudge against smbd
to afford to smbd : *octroyer*
to claim to be : *prétendre*

aka : also known as
with the best will
it has to be seen to be believed
the odd one out : *l'intrus*
to throw smbd to the wolves : *livrer à la merci des journalistes*
the last state of the art : *dernier cri*
it is worth the trouble : *l'affaire en vaut la chandelle*
for hours at a time : *durant de longues heures*
to throw in the towel : *jeter l'éponge, laisser tomber*
a pie in the sky : *un château en Espagne*
before one's eyes : *devant ses yeux*
let the dog see the rabbit : *est-ce que je peux regarder de plus près ?*
familiarity breeds contempt : *la familiarité crée le mépris*
I'm in the dark : *je ne suis pas au courant*
I'm not with you : *je ne vous suis pas*

he was none other than : *était justement*

1 mile ≈ 1600 m

8 Grammar

No contractions : was not

Dialogues : fr : « — ... » / eng : “...”

Dahlia rule : The telephone rang while I was weeding the dahlias

Time markers : preterit / no TM : present perfect

Future in the past / habit : would

No narrative present (rare)

The : referential stability ?

Adjectives order : the more permanent, the nearest

used to : a été brutalement interrompu (ou historique)

to stop to do / doing smth : s'arrêter pour / de

I don't like being / to be : action / notion

In the past : that (et non this)

Continuous form : action non terminée

Which / what : countable / uncountable

Simple present : permanent / continuous present : exceptionnal, transitory

Futurs :

- simple present (involontaire)
- present continuous ([planned] choice)
- will (premeditated intention)
- to be to (il doit y avoir)