

# Vocab in context

## useful phrases

### ◆ Ces dernières années

In recent years the rhetoric around climate change has taken on a new urgency. Although scientists have been warning about the need for action for many years now, the sense of the emergency we are facing has been growing. royalsociety.org, 2021

In the last few years, India has experienced rapid transition from 3G technology to 4G and it is now ready to witness and guide this transformation in IT from 4G to 5G. *Electronics of Things*, 2020

Over the past few years, the most controversial question in animal cognition has not been whether animals have thoughts and feeling as individuals but whether a few species collectively create something that could reasonably be called a culture. That is the subject of a new book <http://econ.st/1HLGQDJ> *The Economist*, 2015

### ◆ DEPUIS VS PENDANT des siècles, les hommes...

#### 1. Évocation d'un phénomène encore actuel > PRESENT PERFECT

For centuries, mankind has been using bamboo, one of the most versatile and sustainable building materials available. dw.com, 2010

#### 2. Évocation d'un phénomène révolu > PRÉTÉRIT

For centuries, mankind used clean, renewable fuel to get work done. Wind powered our ships, and waterwheels ground our grain. juiceinc.com, 2020

### ◆ DEPUIS la nuit des temps, ...

Since the dawn of time, the heavens have inspired wonder in countless souls, from ancient Babylonian astrologers who searched for meaning in the stars, to millions of children worldwide who wished on passing comets. And for millennia, space remained just that — a fairytale, inaccessible by any human means. medium.com, 2020

### ◆ En ce début de 21<sup>e</sup> siècle...

As the twenty-first century unfolds, a new scientific conception is emerging. media.com, 2017

As the 21st century enters its third decade, have the big innovations of the past few years delivered on their early promise? dhl.com, 2020

### ◆ Alors que le monde est de plus en plus...

As the world is becoming increasingly connected, the ability to create and maintain cross-cultural connections is increasing in importance. As the global community feels the effects of violence George Mason University, 2020

As the world is ever more interconnected and interdependent, the risks we face have become global. *The Indian Ocean Observatory*, 2020

◆ Mettre en lumière...

"The study shines a light on the often-unacknowledged emotional work and labor that visual journalists experience in the field that often extends into their homes and personal lives, too."

sciencedaily.com, 2018

◆ Braquer les projecteurs sur...

LONDON—The death of Prince Philip, Queen Elizabeth's husband of more than 73 years, sharpens the spotlight on their eldest son Prince Charles, who is increasingly tasked with managing the House of Windsor's complex private affairs as well as matters of state.

*The Wall Street Journal*, 2021

◆ Cette question est passée au premier plan / sur le devant de la scène

While it may seem like the war on plastic has been around forever, it is only in recent years that this issue has been brought to the fore.

sealandergear.com, 2018

Runway safety has long been a concern for aviation safety, but recently the issue has taken centre stage globally with governments, regulators, manufacturers and airlines. In the US, Congress last year, asked industry leaders and government officials to step up efforts in the area of runway safety.

spsairbuz.com, 2012

◆ On accorde de plus en plus d'importance à cette question

"The good news is that the issue is receiving increasing attention from government, industry and academia at the global, national and local scales," said Spang. "Despite its complexity, there are

*The Daily Democrat*, 2020

Through "Fences," Pittsburgh continues to be a hub for filmmakers while also attempting to put its lack of diversity in the past. Following the #oscarssowwhite controversy of last year, the issue is garnering more attention, especially with "Fences" receiving such far-reaching acclaim. The film not

pittnews.com, 2017

◆ Une prise de conscience est en train de s'opérer

Public awareness is growing around the alarming amount of plastic waste being introduced into the world's oceans, landfills, and the environment in general. As awareness grows, so too do the number of actions being taken at the Federal, state, municipal, and even individual level to curtail various forms of plastic pollution.

belvedereexclusive.com, 2019

Public awareness is rising about how families suffer when members are sent to prison.

scholars.org, 2020

In recent years, however, public awareness has reached a tipping point.

*Urbanization and cultural conflict*, 2015

◆ On s'inquiète de plus en plus...

Concern is mounting that border restrictions introduced to stop the spread of the coronavirus could end free travel across Europe if they're not lifted soon

ABC News, 2020

nature @Nature · Jul 29, 2019

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But even though concern is rising about the impact of underwater noise on ocean life, there's still a gap in the science...

There is growing concern among global net users about fake news online, according to a BBC World Service poll.

BBC News, 2017

### ◆ Faire son chemin (idée/théorie qui se répand)

The call for tackling climate change **is gaining momentum** among citizens, investors, companies and countries around the world. US Climate Envoy, John Kerry, recently announced that the US is joining international efforts to achieve zero emissions from international shipping by 2050. And the maritime industry wants to play its part. Si weforum.org, 2021

**As vaccinations pick up pace around the world, the idea of “vaccine passports” is gaining traction among governments and industries looking for a way out of shutdowns, curfews and travel bans. But while some see it as a potential ticket to freedom, others fear such documentation could exclude or discriminate against those made most vulnerable by the pandemic.**

france24.com, 2021

### ◆ Amener à repenser...

A few weeks in, America's great self-quarantine **is prompting a rethink** of one of the great villains of modern technology: screens. Now your devices are portals to employment and education, ways to keep you inside and **build community**, and vital reminders you're not alone. The old concerns aren't gone, but they look different when people are just trying to get by.

The Washington Post, 2021

### ◆ Remettre en cause les idées reçues sur...

within Yota Space. But, he adds, the rise of digital art **is challenging received wisdom as to** what constitutes art. Much new, immersive work requires the involvement of the viewer for it to come alive: rather than passive spectator, the viewer becomes director, composer or performer.

The Financial Times, 2010

### ◆ Ouvrir tout un champ de questions

Connected cameras in cars also **open up a whole new world of questions** for car crashes, as I learned earlier this year **when the many cameras on my car, a Tesla Model 3, recorded a hit-and-run while it was parked**. Amazon's Car Cam will bring similar capabilities to a lot more cars. What are the implications for insurance — and courts? Can your car be its own witness? Can it testify against you?

The Washington Post, 2020

### ◆ On s'accorde à (dire, penser, etc.)...

**Commentators tend to agree on** two main reasons for the rise and presidential victory of Donald Trump. His **defiance of convention** at a time when the institutions of democracy were (and still are) in crisis is often mentioned. Equally so his **successful manipulation of the public's emotions** at a time of financial insecurity, anger, and disappointment.

2.le.ac.uk, 2017

**There is a broad consensus that** global warming and climate change effects are unequivocal. Apart from the economic loss from the extreme weather events, the productivity is projected to decrease with increasing temperature and the overall global income is expected to reduce up to 23% by 2100.

UN Environment, 2019

### ◆ [sujet/question] est souvent présenté.e comme...

Reopening schools **is often framed as** a matter of equity. Two Black educators ask: 'Equity for whom?'

The Washington Post, 2021

### ◆ Un trait omniprésent de la vie de tous les jours

The introduction of cell phones and portable devices saw technology become significantly more mobile. Thanks to a plethora of new innovations technology is set to become **a ubiquitous feature of everyday life**.

labmate-online.com, 2014

Social media has become **a ubiquitous fixture of our daily lives**. Young people today and future generations are likely to not remember a time without the Internet.

news.wttw.com