

$$3x + 3x = \$54; \text{ d'où } 6x = \$54; \text{ d'où } x = \frac{54}{6}; \text{ et } 7x = \frac{54 \times 7}{6} = 63.$$

9. Soit x le prix du mouton; alors $9x$, le prix de la vache et $27x$, le prix du cheval. $x + 9x + 27x = \$185$; d'où $37x = \$185$; d'où $x = \frac{185}{37} = \$5$, le prix du mouton; $9x = 9 \times \$5 = \45 , le prix de la vache; $27x = 27 \times \$5 = \135 , le prix du cheval.

10. Soit x la troisième; alors $5x$, la seconde et $15x$, la première.

$$x + 5x + 15x = 84; \text{ d'où } 21x = 84; \text{ d'où } x = \frac{84}{21} = 4, \text{ la 3e partie;}$$

$$5x = \frac{84 \times 5}{21} = 20, \text{ la 2e partie; } 15x = \frac{84 \times 15}{21} = 60, \text{ la 1re partie.}$$

LANGUE ANGLAISE

DICTATION

AN ESCAPE

A merchant-vessel was anchored at the mouth of the Congo, the great African river which flows into the Atlantic. It was very hot, and the men on board were anxious to cool themselves by bathing in the river; but they were afraid of sharks. There was one of them, however, a foolhardy man, who made up his mind to have a swim in spite of all the sharks in the ocean. He stripped, dived off the vessel, and began to swim vigorously towards the shore. The sailors watched him from the deck; and when he had got about half way, they saw, with horror, a huge alligator following him. A boat was lowered; several shots were fired at the alligator; but they might as well have been fired against a stone wall for all the good they did.

It seemed as if the man had now no chance of his life. He had only just found out what was the matter, from hearing the shouts of the sailors in the boat, and of the negroes on shore, as well as the noise of the shots. He now swam with all his might, but the alligator was gaining steadily upon him. They were now close to the shore, at a spot where there was a thick undergrowth of canes; when suddenly a leopard sprang out on the man from the canes, just as the alligator opened his jaws. Luckily for the sailor, the leopard had taken too strong a spring, and fell upon the awful jaws of the alligator. There now began a terrific fight between these two dreadful animals. The alligator, however, had by far the best of it; for not only was he protected by his scales, but he could keep the leopard under water. He held him there, and at last the leopard was choked to death; but even in death he still held on to the alligator; and both sank to the bottom. Meanwhile the sailor, panting and grateful, had crept safely to shore.

Que les élèves trouvent des expressions équivalentes pour les mots en italiques. Par expressions équivalentes, nous entendons des expressions qui pourraient être mises à la place des mots en italiques, sans que le sens des phrases en fût altéré.

Vessel, ship.—Anchored, moored.—Hot, warm.—Men, sailors.—Were anxious, wished.—Cool, refresh.—Bathing, swimming.—Foolhardy, rash.—Man, fellow.—Made up his mind, determined.—Stripped, undressed.—Dived, jumped.—Began, commenced.—Shore, land.—Got, reached.—Saw, remarked, beheld.—Horror, terror, dismay.—A huge, an immense.—Alligator, crocodile.—Lowered, launched.—Fired, discharged.—Seemed, appeared.—Found out, discovered.—Shouts, cries.—Noise, reports.—Might, strength.—Close, near.—Spot, place.—Sprang, jumped.—Just as, at the moment when.—Luckily, fortunately.—Strong, powerful.—Fight, struggle.—Sank, went.—Grateful, thankful.

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