

La Haine: Vocabulary List

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| la banlieue | the low-income housing estates, usually on the outskirts of French cities. |
| le verlan | a type of French slang in which the syllables of a word are reversed. |
| le flic / keuf | cop / policeman (slang) |
| noir et blanc | black and white |
| les émeutes | riots |
| le chômage | unemployment |
| la violence | violence |
| la fracture sociale | social divide |
| l'exclusion | exclusion |
| des tours et des barres | the types of building found in the banlieue; towers (tall, narrow buildings) and bars (short, long buildings). |
| tuer | to kill |
| une bavure policière | a police blunder |
| un pote | a mate |
| l'argot | slang |
| le quartier | area / neighbourhood |
| le cité | housing estate |
| une chute | a fall |
| une arme | a weapon |
| une flingue | a gun (slang) |
| un pistolet | a gun |
| la délinquance | delinquency |

Useful Phrases for Talking about Films in General

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| Le film me plaît parce que... | I like the film because... |
| Le film ne me plaît pas parce que... | I don't like the film because... |
| L'action se déroule a... | The events occur in... |
| Le réalisateur a fait un film qui... | The director has made a film which... |
| Mon film français préféré est... | My favourite French film is... |
| Il s'agit de... | It's about... |
| Au centre de l'intrigue se trouve... | The plot centres around... |
| Les thèmes abordés par le film sont... | The themes addressed by the film are... |
| Le film a été tourné en / à... | The film was shot in / at... |
| J'aime / Je n'aime pas la bande son du film parce que... | I like / I don't like the sound track of the film because... |
| Le budget de la production était... | The production budget was... |