SMURF IT !

Vocabulaire : que puis-je faire quand je ne connais pas le mot ?

1. Faire appel à mon bon sens : inférer à partir du contexte ou de la construction du mot (dérivation)

2. Le mot peut ressembler au français (attention aux rares faux-amis toutefois), mot transparent

3. C'est un verbe irrégulier que je connais bien (ces verbes sont sur-représentés)

4. Quelle peut-être la nature du mot ? Nom, verbe, adjectif, adverbe, ... ?

5. C'est frustrant mais tant pis : voyons ce que cela donne si je remplace les mots a priori inconnus par le mot smurf qui ne veut rien dire ...

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Through the new smurfs of the smurf trees, Eddie smurfed Beck fishing smurf down along the smurf. A smurf with the old man appeared unsmurfable, for the smurf smurfed over and smurfed. Eddie returned the smurf, considering how to best keep his distance. Beck was known to smurf off murfers with a smurf, and there were those who said he smurfed to kill any man who smurfed the smurflife that was rapidly becoming rare, coyotes and smurf and the smurf, smurfous smurf smurfs. Past the smurf of Washington Heights was Hudson Heights, the highest altitude in Manhattan, at 265 feet smurf sea smurf. There was the smurfal village of Inwood, and although the smurf ran this far, this section of north Manhattan was still smurfed with small farms, including a house smurf smurfed by the Audubon family. Eddie joined the smurf in his agitation over the constant building in Manhattan. Apartment buildings were rising everywhere.

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