

LES VENDREDIS AMUSANTS – FUN FRENCH FRIDAYS

le 6 janvier 2006 - Mot de la semaine

La bande dessinée (BD) (phonetics : La BayDay)

The *bande dessinée* or *BD* enjoys a huge following in France and Belgium amongst adults as well as children. The strip cartoon is accorded both literary and artistic status, and is known as « le neuvième art ». An international strip cartoon festival takes place in the French town of Angoulême at the end of January each year. One very popular BD is « Tintin ».

Word of the Week - Friday, January 6th, 2006

Describe

1. [recount, represent] décrire

How would you describe yourself? comment vous décririez-vous?

Witnesses described the man as tall and dark-haired / des témoins ont décrit l'homme comme étant grand et brun

2. [characterize] définir, qualifier

The President described himself as a practical man / le président s'est défini comme ayant un sens pratique

Our relations with them could best be described as strained / nos relations avec eux sont pour le moins tendues
