

FENCING VOCABULARY

Foil

Epée

Sabre

Handle (grip)

Pommel

Tip (mouche, point)

Blade

Forte

Foible

Rassemblement (attention)

En garde

Advance

Retreat

Passé avant (cross over advance)

Passé arrière (cross over retreat)

Half advance, passé avant

Half retreat, passé arrière

Balestra

Lunge

Flèche

Recovery forward

Redoublement

Salute

Engagement

Change of engagement

Simple attacks:

 Straight

 Disengage

 Coupé (cut-over)

 Counter disengage

Lateral parry

Counter parry

Semi-circular parry

Riposte: direct, indirect

Counterriposte: direct, indirect

Counterattack: arrêt (stop)

Feint

Compound attacks:

 1-2 attack

 Doublement (doublé)

Positions:

 prime (one)

 seconde (two)

 tièrce (three)

 quarte (four)

 quinte (five)

 sixte (six)

 septime (seven)

 octave (eight)

Preparation: appel (call), etc.

Attaques au fer (attacks on the blade): beat, pressure, froissement

Prise de fer (taking of the blade): opposition, croisé, liement, enveloppement