

Word of the Day

Spring Term 2026

Week 16 – 5th January 2026



This Week's Words

Grasshopper

tear
office
spare
chipped
lift

Shinobi

tolerate
mutter
fixation
unveil

VN VOCABULARY

VN Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day: picnic
(pic-nic)

Word Class: (verb / noun)

Definition: If you tear paper, cloth, or another material, or if it tears, you pull it into two pieces or you pull it so that a hole appears in it.

Phrases:

Synonym: word
word

Antonym: word
word

Rhyme: word
word

Link Word: word
word

The was a hole in Freddie's new school picnic.

Phrase Number One

Phrase Number Two

VN Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day: tear
(tear)

Word Class: (verb / noun)

Definition: If you tear paper, cloth, or another material, or if it tears, you pull it into two pieces or you pull it so that a hole appears in it.

Phrases:

Synonym: word
word

Antonym: word
word

Prefix / Suffix: word
word

Link Word: word
word

The was a tear in Freddie's new school book.

Phrase Number One

Phrase Number Two

'Words unlock the doors to a world of understanding...'

This Week's Words

Grasshopper

dirty

equal

fuzzy

juicy

swollen

Shinobi

compassionate

infinite

fallible

optimistic

lousy



VOCABULARY NINJA

Grasshopper (Tier 1)

dirty

equal

fuzzy

juicy

swollen



VOCABULARY NINJA

Shinobi (Tier 2)

compassionate

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optimistic

lousy



VOCABULARY NINJA



Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

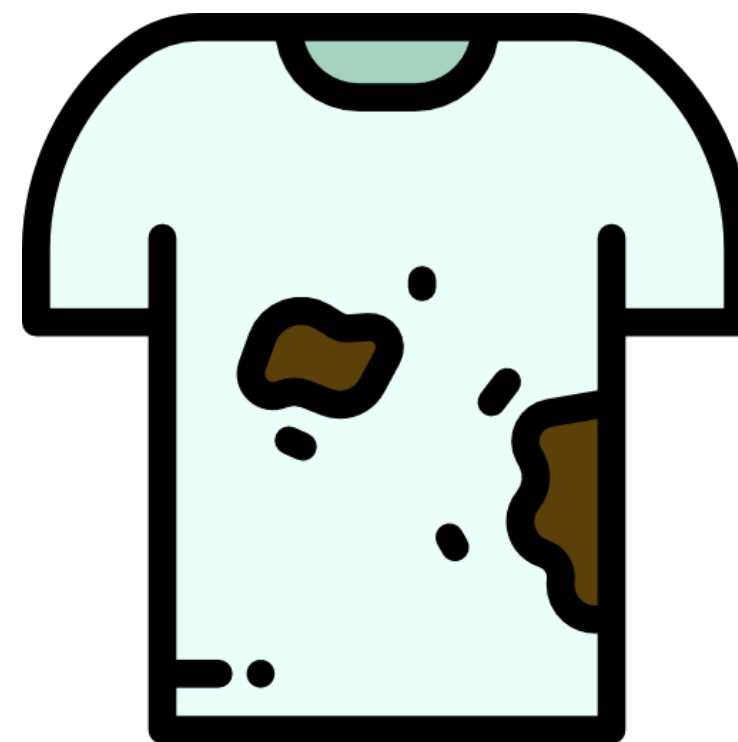
Pronunciation / Syllables

dirty
(*dirt-y*)

Word Class
(adjective)

Definition:

If something is dirty, it is marked or covered with stains, spots, or mud, and needs to be cleaned.



Rahul's t-shirt was **dirty** after playing in the mud.

Synonym:

mucky

grimy

Antonym:

clean

pure

Prefix / Suffix:

-ing

Rhyme:

thirty

Link Word:

clothes

stain



Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

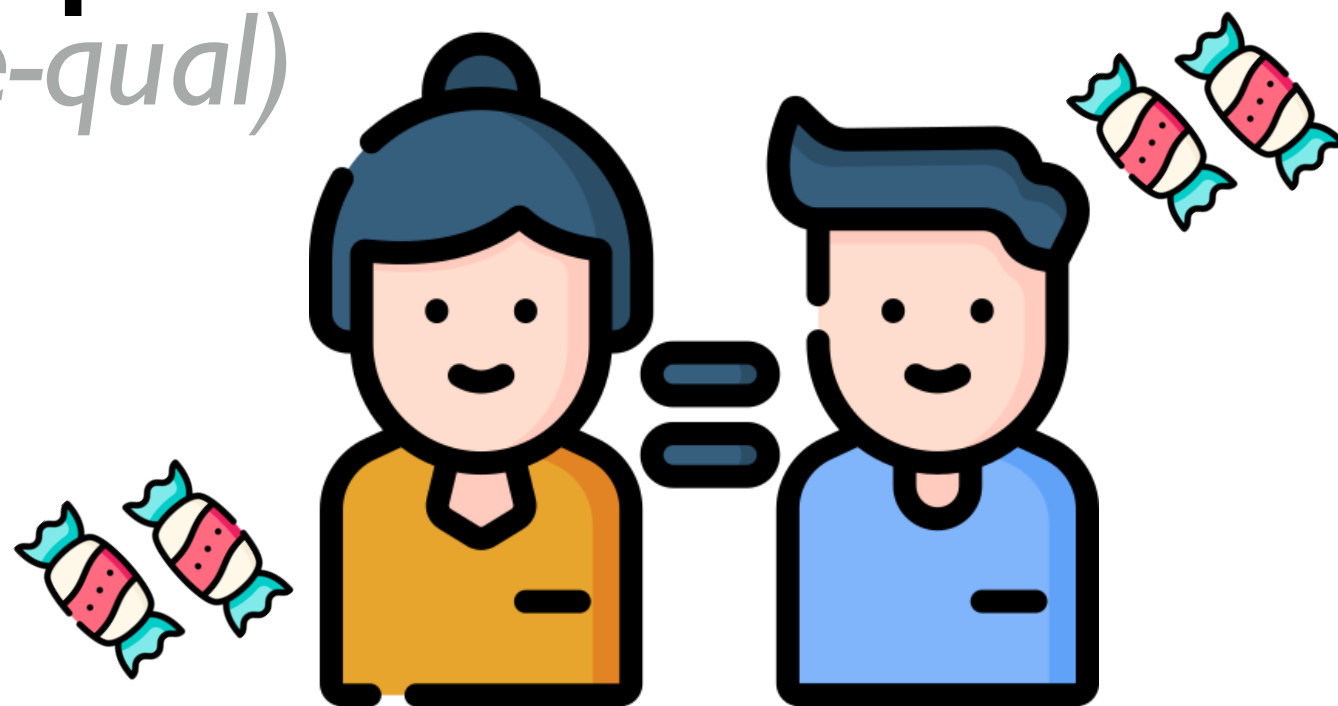
Pronunciation / Syllables

equal
(e-qual)

Word Class
(adjective)

Definition:

If two things are equal or if one thing is equal to another, they are the same in size, number, standard, or value.



The twins had an **equal** number of sweets.

Synonym:

even

balanced

Antonym:

uneven

different

Prefix / Suffix:

un-

-ly

Rhyme:

sequel

treacle

Link Word:

become

almost



Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

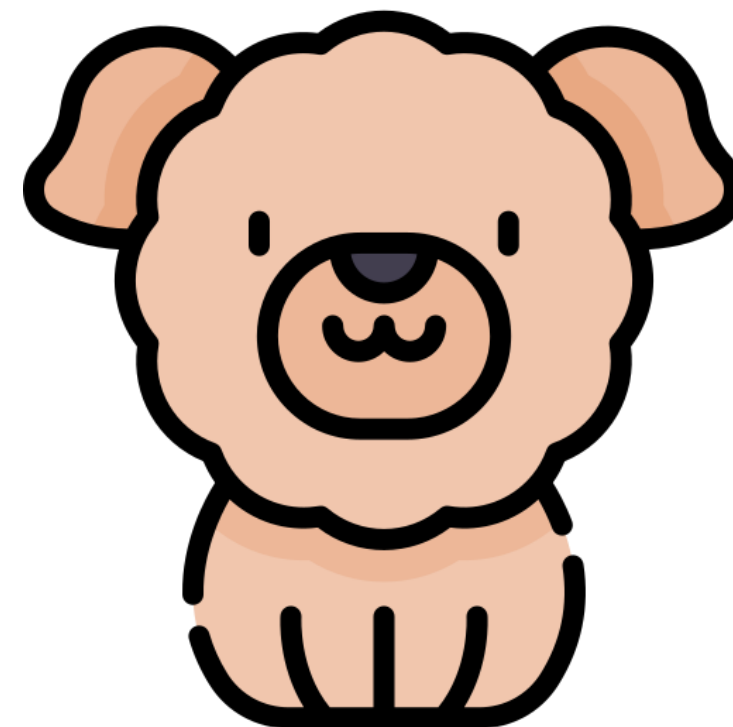
Pronunciation / Syllables

fuzzy
(fuzz-y)

Word Class
(adjective)

Definition:

If something is fuzzy, it has a covering that feels soft and like fur. A fuzzy picture, image, or sound is unclear and hard to see or hear.



The puppy's fur was brown and **fuzzy**.

Synonym:

frizzy

blurry

Antonym:

clear

sharp

Prefix / Suffix:

Rhyme:

buzzy

Link Word:

feel

very



Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

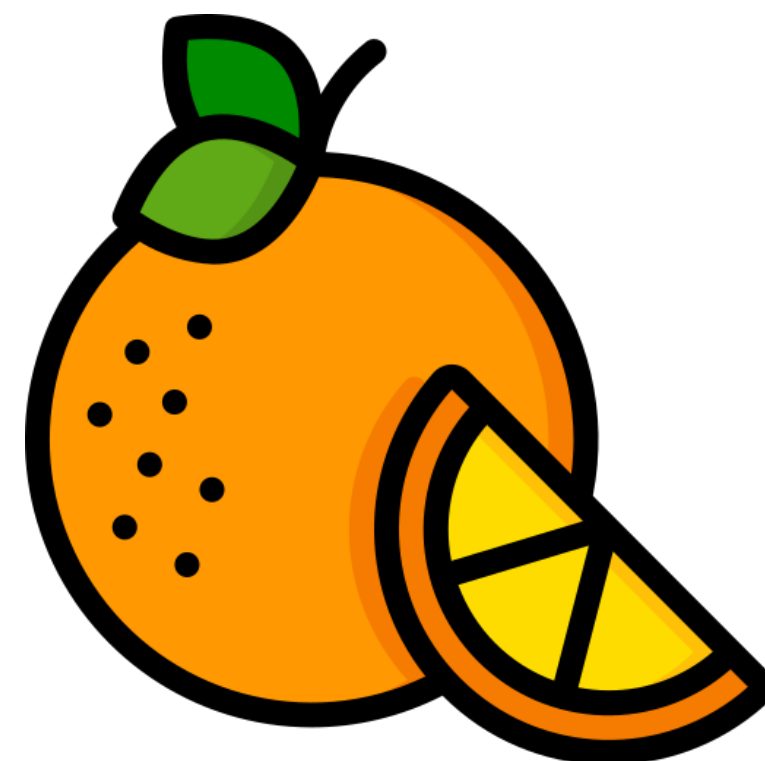
Pronunciation / Syllables

juicy
(juic-y)

Word Class
(adjective)

Definition:

If food is juicy, it has a lot of juice in it and is very enjoyable to eat.



The oranges were very **juicy**.

Synonym:

moist

ripe

Antonym:

dry

arid

Prefix / Suffix:

Rhyme:

Link Word:

incredibly

extra



Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

swollen
(swol-len)

Word Class
(adjective)

Pronunciation / Syllables

Definition:

If a part of your body is swollen, it is larger and rounder than normal, usually as a result of injury or illness.



Ted's head was **swollen** where he bumped it.

Synonym:

expand

bulge

Antonym:

shrink

contracted

Prefix / Suffix:

Rhyme:

stolen

Link Word:

badly

quite



Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day: **compassionate** Word Class (adjective)

Pronunciation / Syllables

(com-pas-sion-ate)

Definition:

If you describe someone or something as compassionate, you mean that they feel or show pity, sympathy, and understanding for people who are suffering.



She showed **compassion** by helping up Jen up.

Synonym:

caring

warm

Antonym:

heartless

mean

Prefix / Suffix:

un-

-ly

Rhyme:

passionate

Link Word:

act

person



Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

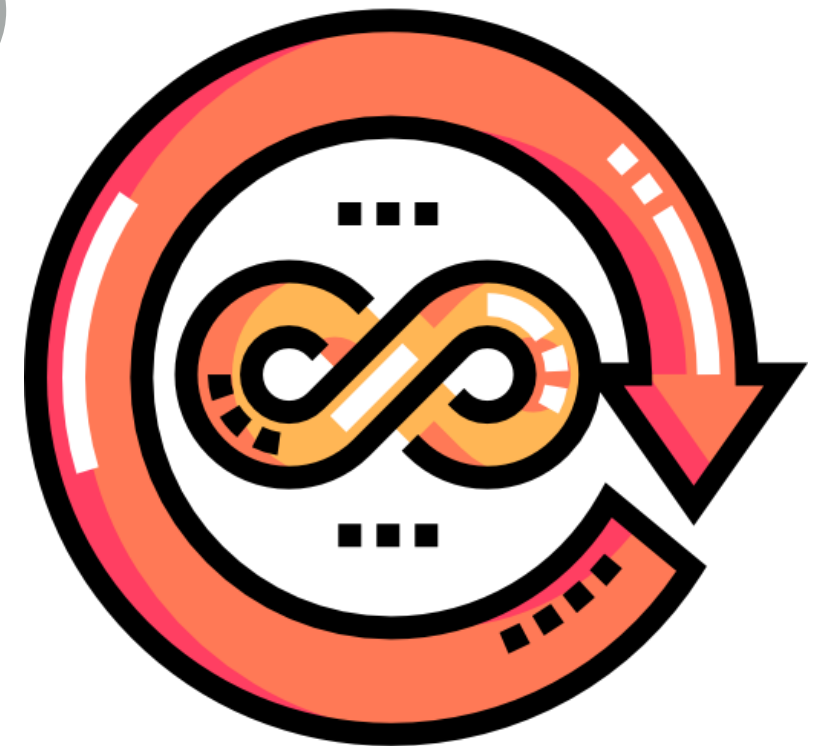
infinite
(*in-fi-nite*)

Word Class
(adjective)

Pronunciation / Syllables

Definition:

If you describe something as infinite, you are emphasizing that it is extremely great in amount or degree.



His love for playing hockey was **infinite**.

Synonym:

limitless

unlimited

Antonym:

limited

small

Prefix / Suffix:

-ly

Rhyme:

passionate

Link Word:

seemingly

become



Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

fallible
(fal-li-ble)

Word Class
(adjective)

Pronunciation / Syllables

Definition:

If you say that someone or something is fallible, you mean that they are not perfect and are likely to make mistakes or to fail in what they are doing.



Ollie was **fallible**, but continued to train and work hard.

Synonym:

flawed

imperfect

Antonym:

infallible

perfect

Prefix / Suffix:

in-

Rhyme:

valuable

compatible

Link Word:

almost

scarcely



Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

optimistic
(*op-ti-mis-tic*)

Word Class
(adjective)

Pronunciation / Syllables

Definition:

Someone who is optimistic is hopeful about the future or the success of something in particular.



Harriet was **optimistic** about 2026.

Synonym:

confident

positive

Antonym:

pessimistic

negative

Prefix / Suffix:

over-

-ally

Rhyme:

realistic

artistic

Link Word:

attitude

remain



Shinobi Word of the Day

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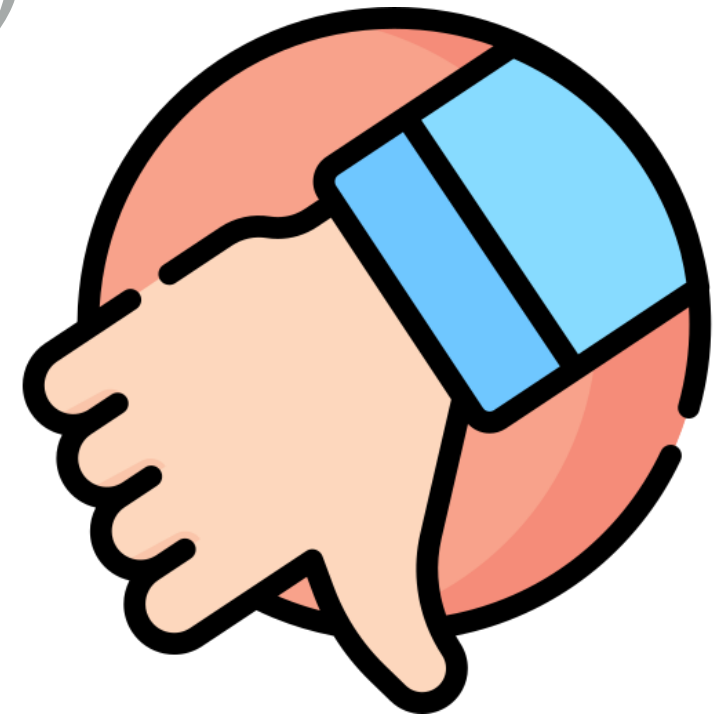
Pronunciation / Syllables

lousy
(lous-y)

Word Class
(adjective)

Definition:

If you describe something as lousy, you mean that it is of very bad quality or that you do not like it.



2025 had been a **lousy** year, but 2026 would be better.

Synonym

awful

terrible

Antonym:

good

great

Prefix / Suffix:

Rhyme:

drowsy

artistic

Link Word:

time

behaviour

Vocabulary Laboratory



Describe / Definition:

Use it in a sentence:

Focus Word (write below):

Word Class:

Synonyms:

(words with same / similar meaning)

Antonyms:

(words with opposite meaning)

Draw your sentence:

Rhymes:

(words that sound the same)

Link Words:

(Example: football = pitch, team, player)

Vocabulary Visualiser

Draw the
Grasshopper words
and bring them to life.



Word: dirty

Word: fuzzy

Word: equal

Word: swollen



Vocabulary Visualiser

Draw the **Shinobi**
words and bring
them to life.



Word: infinite

Word: optimistic

Word: fallible

Word: lousy



Matching Meanings

Draw lines from the **Grasshopper** words to their definitions.

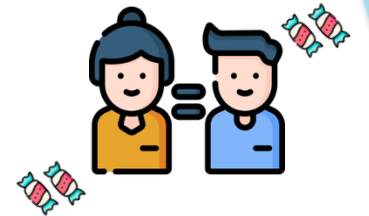


Grasshopper Word

Grasshopper Definitions

dirty

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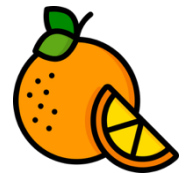
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Matching Meanings

Draw lines from the **Shinobi** words to their definitions.



Shinobi Word

Shinobi Definitions

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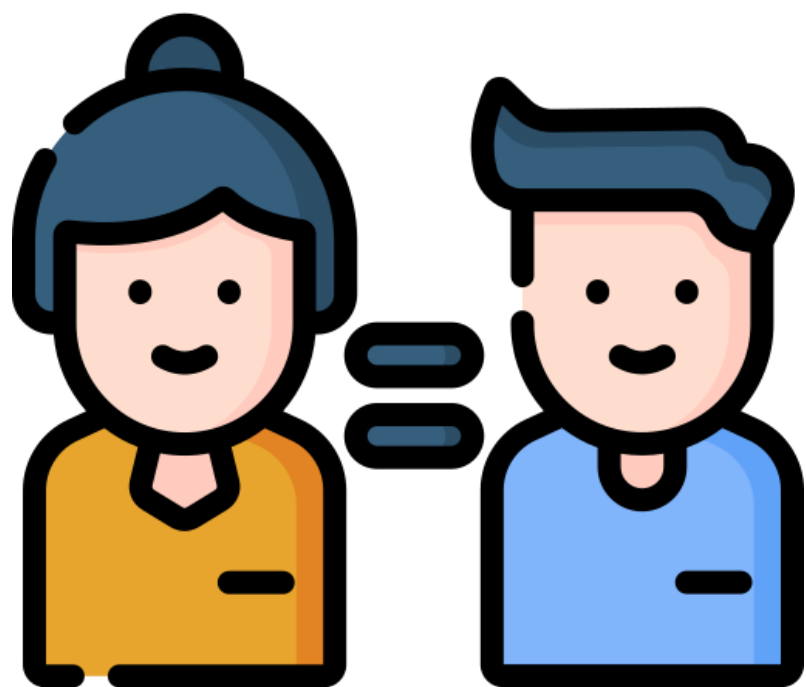
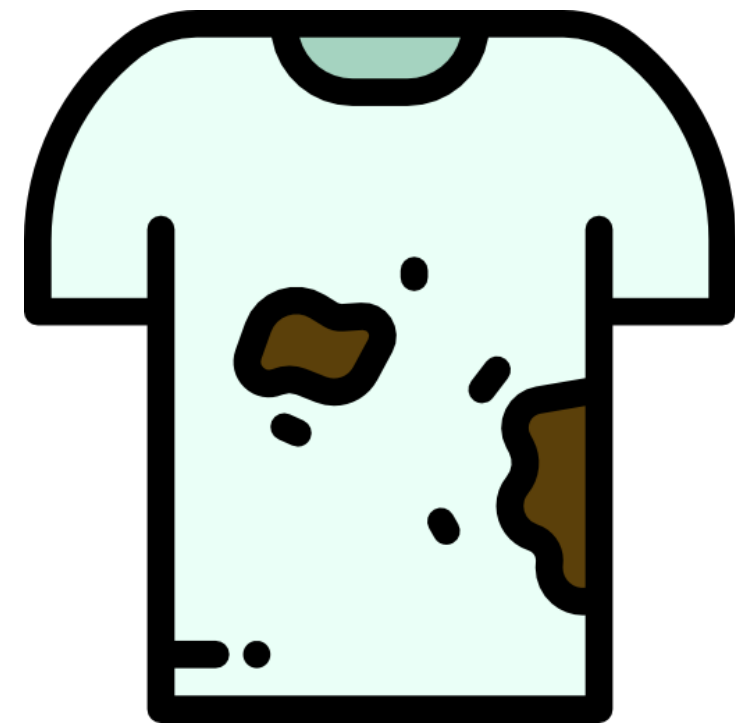
Display Slips

The following slides are for classroom display. As you teach each Word of the Day, words can be displayed in the classroom to enable pupils to use the taught vocabulary in an independent manner.





dirty

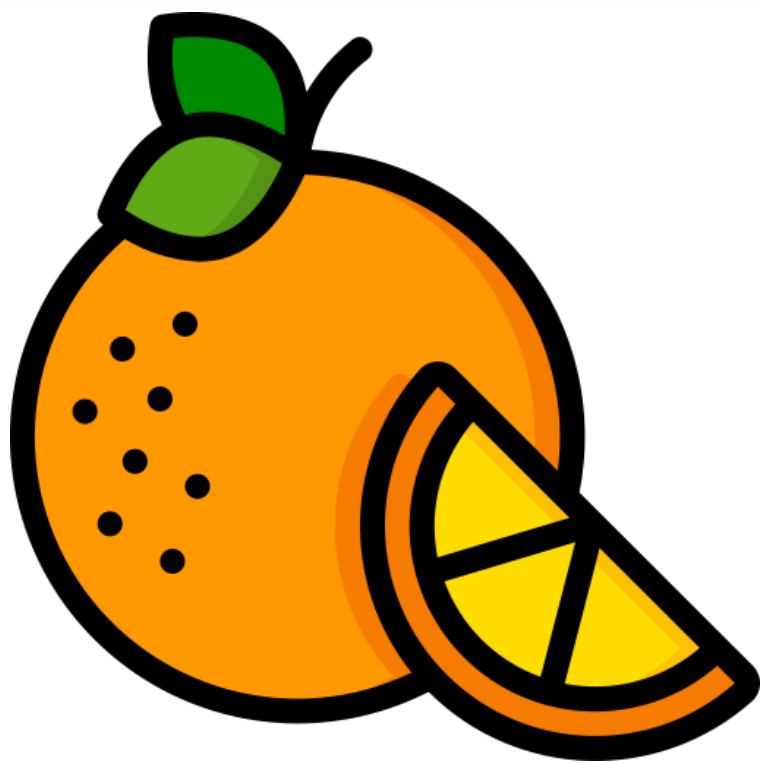
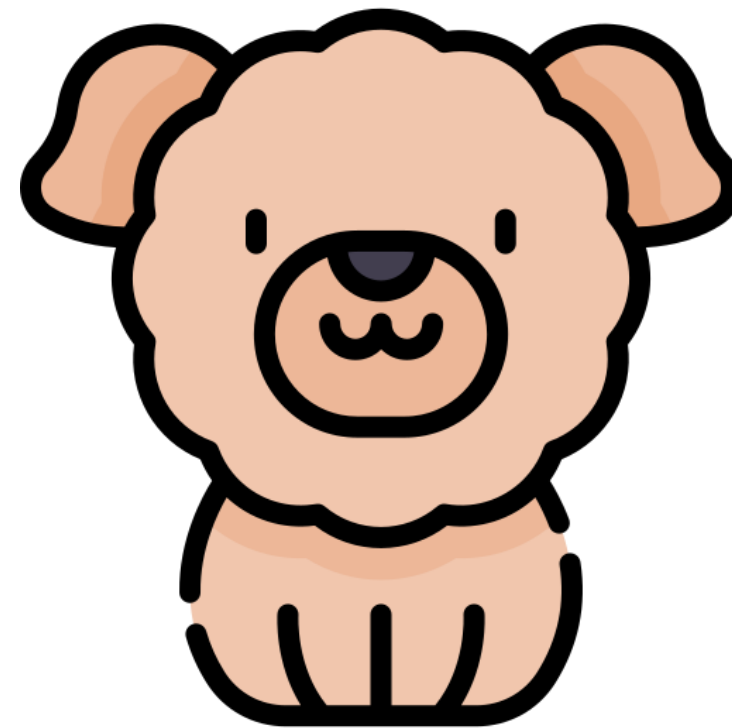


equal





fuzzy



juicy





swollen

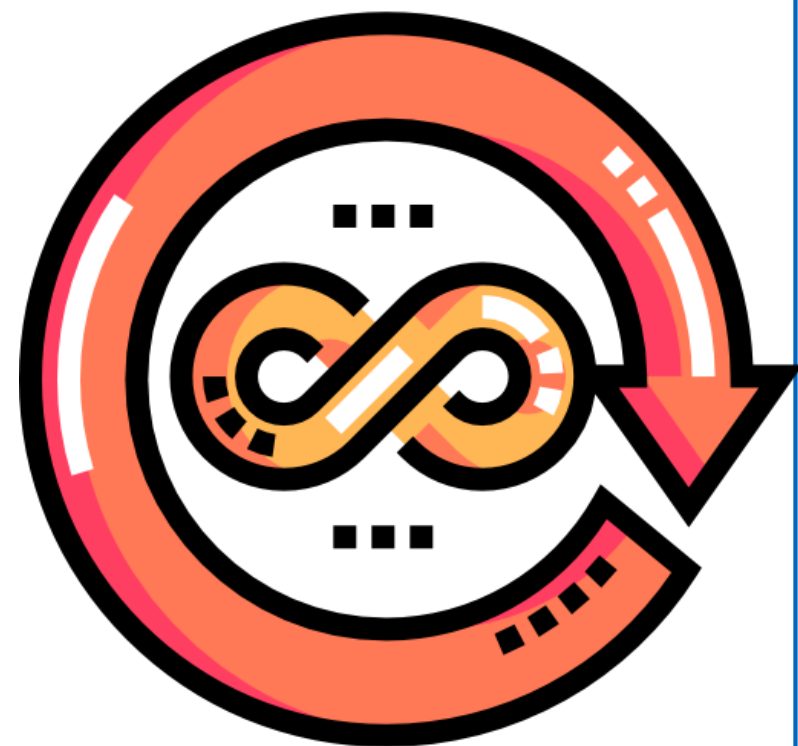


compassionate





infinite

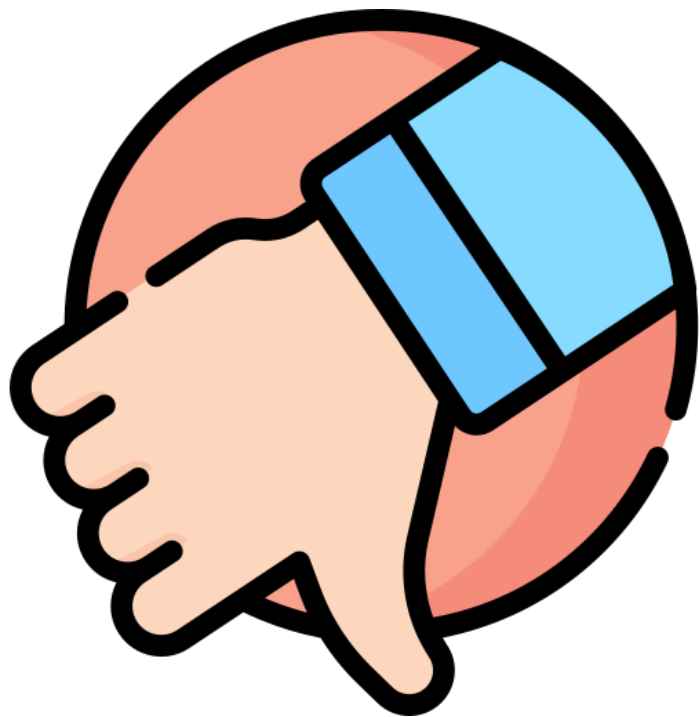


fallible





optimistic



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