

# Word of the Day

## Spring Term 2026

### Week 18 – 19th January 2026



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

# This Week's Words

Grasshopper

**attention**

**annoy**

**spotless**

**suggestion**

**remind**

Shinobi

**decrease**

**automatic**

**insert**

**persuade**

**signal**



**VOCABULARY NINJA**

# Grasshopper (Tier 1)

**attention**

**annoy**

**spotless**

**suggestion**

**remind**



**VOCABULARY NINJA**

# Shinobi (Tier 2)

**decrease**  
**automatic**  
**insert**  
**persuade**  
**signal**



**VOCABULARY NINJA**



# Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

attention

Word Class  
(noun)

Pronunciation / Syllables

(at-ten-tion)

Definition:

If you give someone or something your attention, you look at it, listen to it, or think about it carefully.



The teacher wanted the children's **attention**.

Synonym:

listen

notice

Antonym:

neglect

indifference

Prefix / Suffix:

in-

-s

Rhyme:

mention

tension

Link Word:

pay

divert



# Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

Pronunciation / Syllables

annoy  
(an-noy)

Word Class  
(verb)

Definition:

If someone or something annoys you, it makes you fairly angry and impatient.



That shark song had started to **annoy** me.

Synonym:

anger

irk

Antonym:

please

calm

Prefix / Suffix:

-ed

-ing

Rhyme:

toy

enjoy

Link Word:

deliberately

always



# Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

**spotless**  
(spot-less)

Word Class  
(adjective)

Pronunciation / Syllables

Definition:

Something that is  
spotless is completely  
clean.



The classroom was **spotless** for once.

Synonym:

pristine

immaculate

Antonym:

dirty

filthy

Prefix / Suffix:

-ly

-ness

Rhyme:

jobless

heartless

Link Word:

absolutely

perfectly





# Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day: **suggestion**

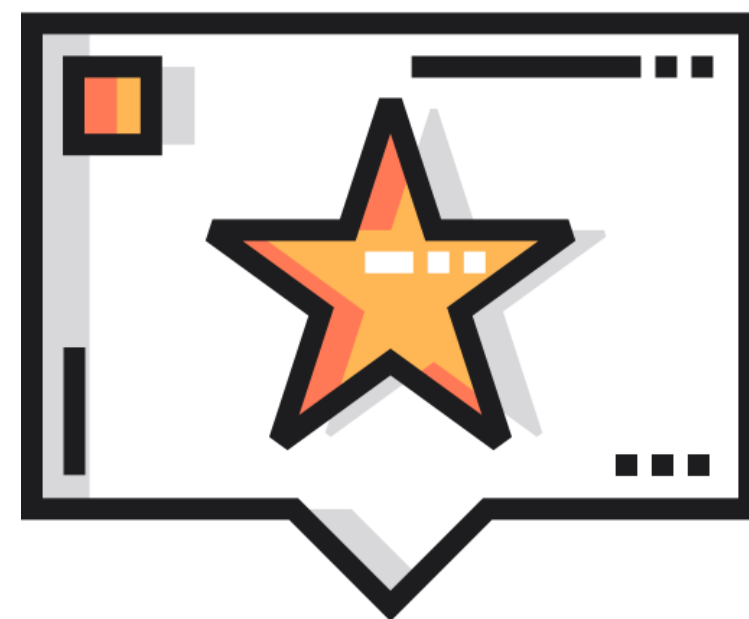
Word Class  
(noun)

Pronunciation / Syllables

(*sug-gest-tion*)

## Definition:

If you make a suggestion, you put forward an idea or plan for someone to think about.



Miss Jones wanted **suggestions** for the class nickname.

Synonym:

idea

proposal

Antonym:

Prefix / Suffix:

-s

Rhyme:

question

congestion

Link Word:

helpful

insightful





# Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

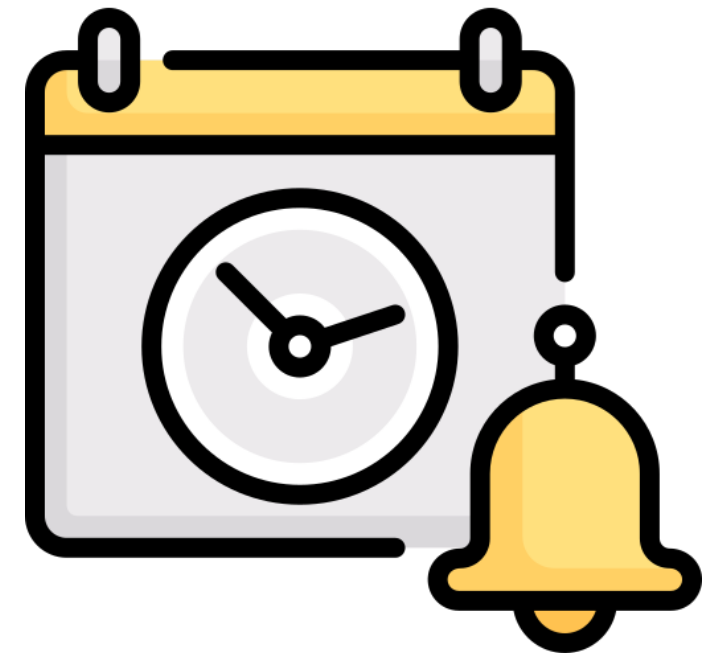
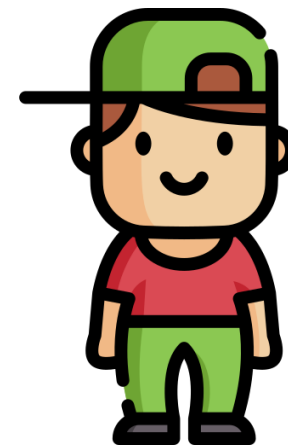
remind  
(re-mind)

Word Class  
(verb)

Pronunciation / Syllables

## Definition:

If someone reminds you of a fact or event that you already know about, they say something which makes you think about it.



Jeremy **reminded** Mr. Cole about the test.

Synonym:

prompt  
nudge

Antonym:

Rhyme:

find  
kind

Link Word:

event  
promise



# Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

Pronunciation / Syllables

decrease  
(de-crease)

Word Class  
(verb)

Definition:

When something decreases or when you decrease it, it becomes less in quantity, size, or intensity.



Hamza needed to **decrease** his handwriting size.

Synonym:

lessen

reduce

Antonym:

increase

Prefix / Suffix:

-ed

-ing

Rhyme:

peace

police

Link Word:

size

amount



# Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day: **automatic**

Word Class  
(adjective)

Pronunciation / Syllables

(*au-to-mat-ic*)

## Definition:

An automatic action is one that you do without thinking about it.



The fire bell would **automatically** sound the alarm.

Synonym:

automated

electronic

Antonym:

manual

Prefix / Suffix:

-ally

semi-

Rhyme:

static

attic

Link Word:

alarm

machine



# Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

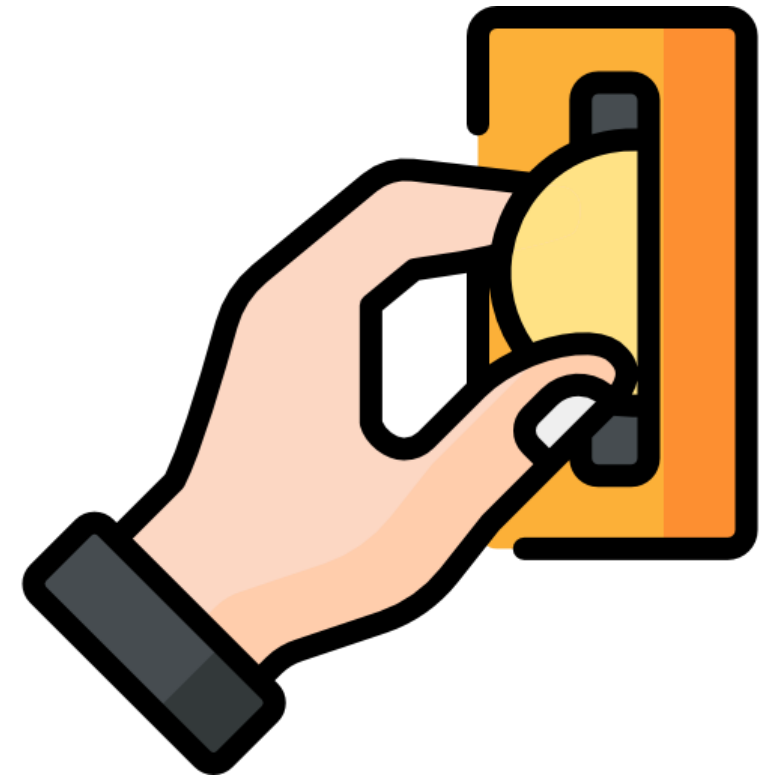
Pronunciation / Syllables

insert  
(in-sert)

Word Class  
(verb)

Definition:

If you insert an object into something, you put the object inside it.



Emily **inserted** the coin into the machine.

Synonym:

shove

slide

Antonym:

remove

extract

Prefix / Suffix:

-ed

re-

Rhyme:

hurt

dirt

Link Word:

coin

shape



# Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

**persuade**  
(*per-suade*)

Word Class  
(verb)

Pronunciation / Syllables

## Definition:

If you persuade someone to do something, you cause them to do it by giving them good reasons for doing it.



The children **persuaded** Mrs Hill to do extra PE.

Synonym:

convince

influence

Antonym:

deter

discourage

Prefix / Suffix:

-sion

-ing

Rhyme:

made

trade

Link Word:

support

trick



# Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

Pronunciation / Syllables

signal  
(sig-nal)

Word Class  
(noun)

Definition:

A signal is a gesture, sound, or action which is intended to give a particular message to the person who sees or hears it.



The head teacher gave the **signal** to stand up.

Synonym:

message  
prompt

Antonym:

Prefix / Suffix

-ed  
-ing

Rhyme:

Link Word:

show  
alert

# 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: attention

Word: annoy

Word: spotless

Word: remind



# Vocabulary Visualiser

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



Word: decrease

Word: insert

Word: automatic

Word: signal



# Matching Meanings

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



## Grasshopper Word

## Grasshopper Definitions

attention

Something that is \*\*\*\* is completely clean.



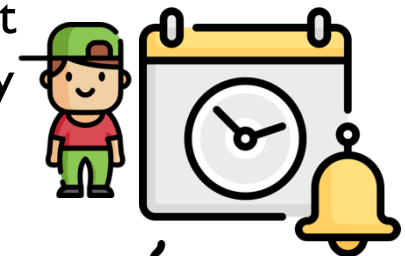
annoy

If you give someone or something your \*\*\*\*, you look at it, listen to it, or think about it carefully.



spotless

If someone \*\*\*\* you of a fact or event that you already know about, they say something which makes you think about it.



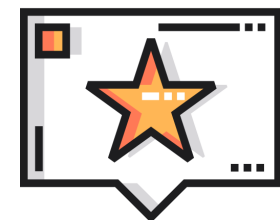
suggestion

If someone or something \*\*\*\* you, it makes you fairly angry and impatient.



remind

If you make a \*\*\*\*, you put forward an idea or plan for someone to think about.



# Matching Meanings

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



## Shinobi Word

## Shinobi Definitions

decrease

A \*\*\*\* is a gesture, sound, or action which is intended to give a particular message to the person who sees or hears it.



automatic

When something \*\*\*\* or when you decrease it, it becomes less in quantity, size, or intensity.



insert

If you \*\*\*\* someone to do something, you cause them to do it by giving them good reasons for doing it.



persuade

An \*\*\*\* action is one that you do without thinking about it.



signal

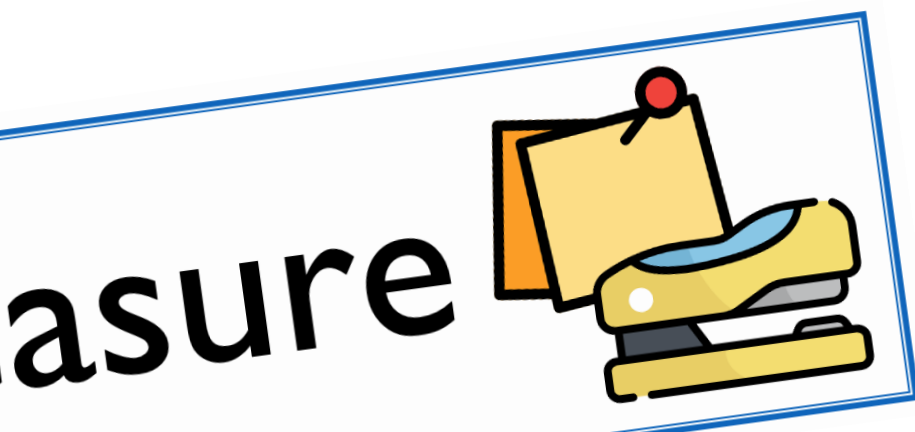
If you \*\*\*\* an object into something, you put the object inside it.





# 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.





# attention

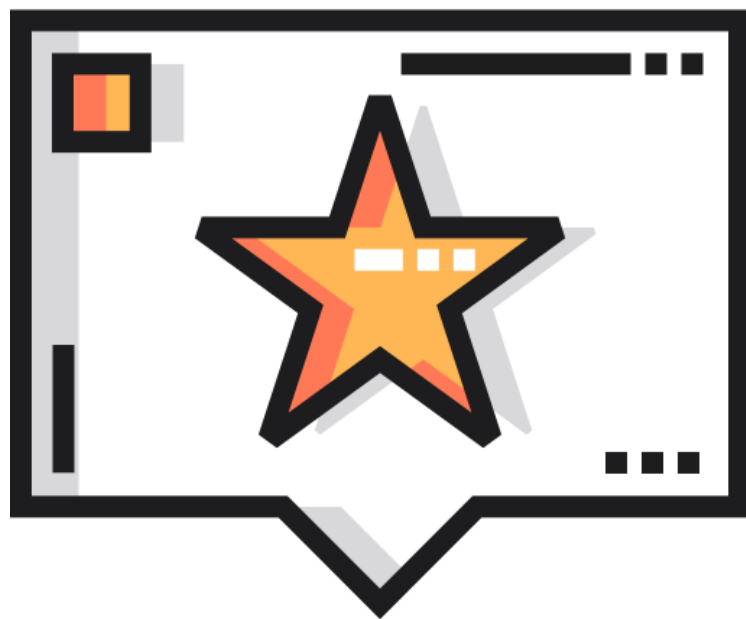


# annoy





spotless



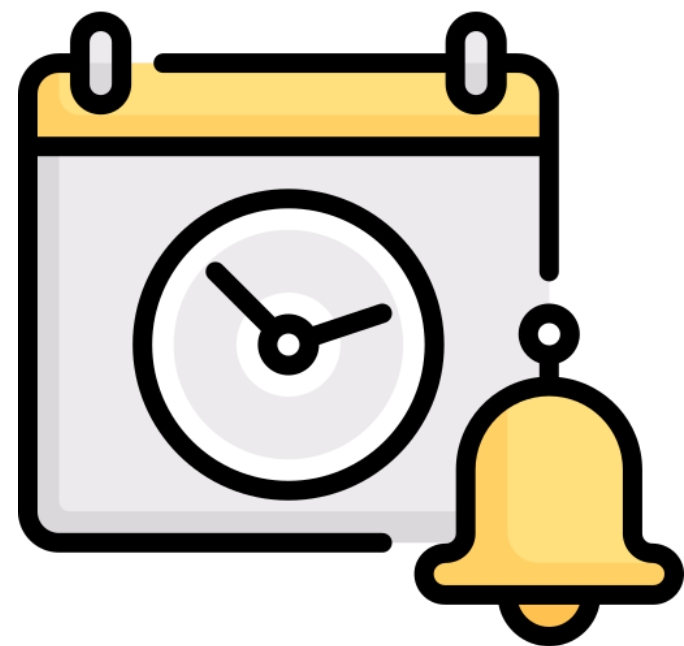
suggestion







remind

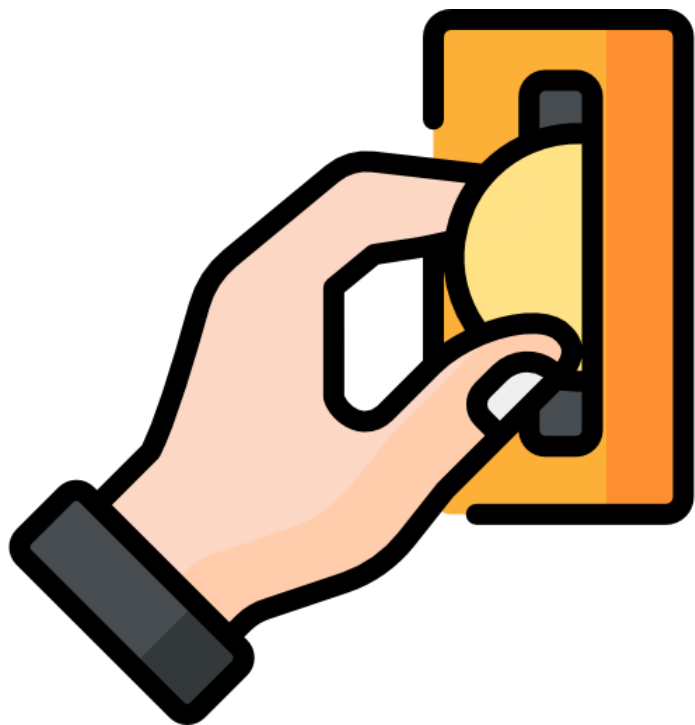


decrease





automatic

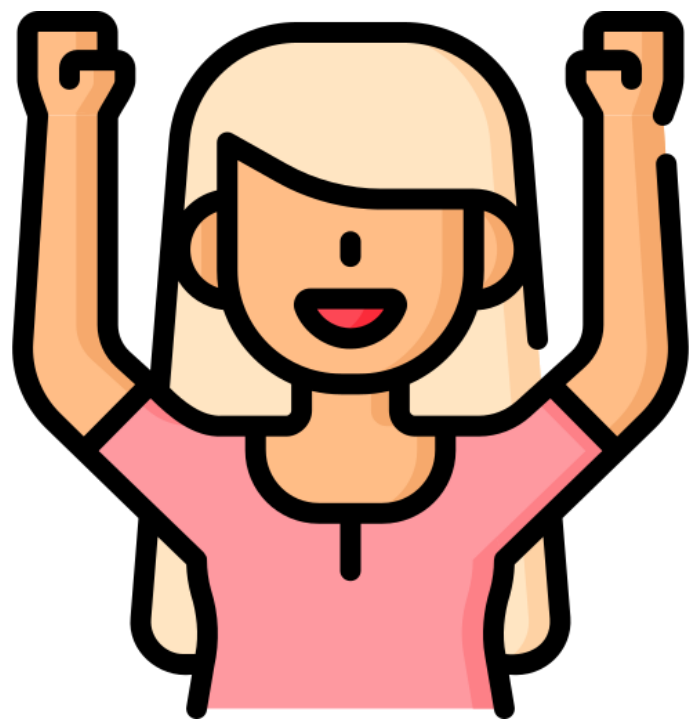
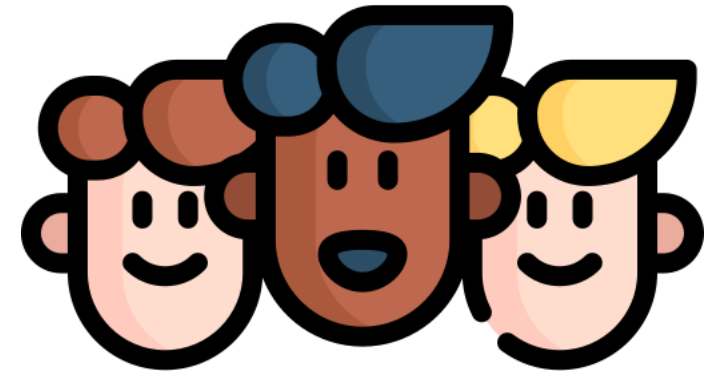
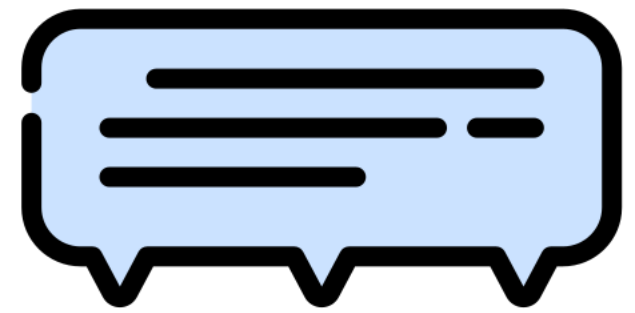


insert





# persuade



# signal

