

Word of the Day

Spring Term 2026

Week 22 – 16th February 2026



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

This Week's Words

Grasshopper

climb

skip

blow

bounce

meet

Shinobi

reluctant

effortless

glare

tension

unanimous



VOCABULARY NINJA

Grasshopper (Tier 1)

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Shinobi (Tier 2)

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Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

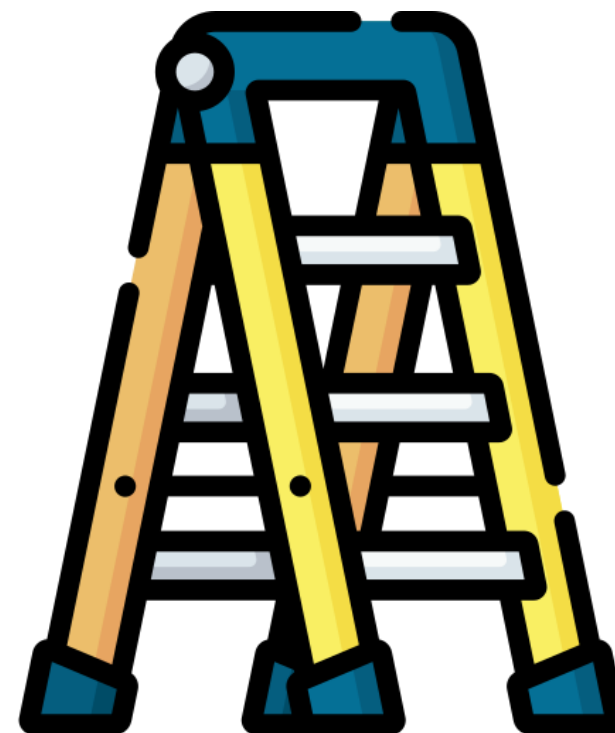
Pronunciation / Syllables

climb
(climb)

Word Class
(verb / noun)

Definition:

If you climb something such as a tree, mountain, or ladder, or climb up it, you move towards the top of it. If you climb down it, you move towards the bottom of it.



Mr. Robson **climbed** the ladder to get to the roof.

Synonym:

mount

scale

Antonym:

descend

dismount

Prefix / Suffix:

-ed

-ers

Rhyme:

time

crime

Link Word:

up

down



Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

Pronunciation / Syllables

skip
(skip)

Word Class
(verb)

Definition:

If you skip along, you move almost as if you are dancing, with a series of little jumps from one foot to the other.



Alice **skipped** around the playground in the sun.

Synonym:

prance

bound

Antonym:

trudge

shuffle

Prefix / Suffix:

-ed

-ing

Rhyme:

ship

trip

Link Word:

rope

along



Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

Pronunciation / Syllables

blow
(blow)

Word Class
(verb)

Definition:

If the wind blows something somewhere or if it blows there, the wind moves it there.



The wind was **blowing** very hard today.

Synonym:

gust

puff

Antonym:

still

Prefix / Suffix:

-ing

-n

Rhyme:

show

low

Link Word:

over

severe



Grasshopper Word of the Day

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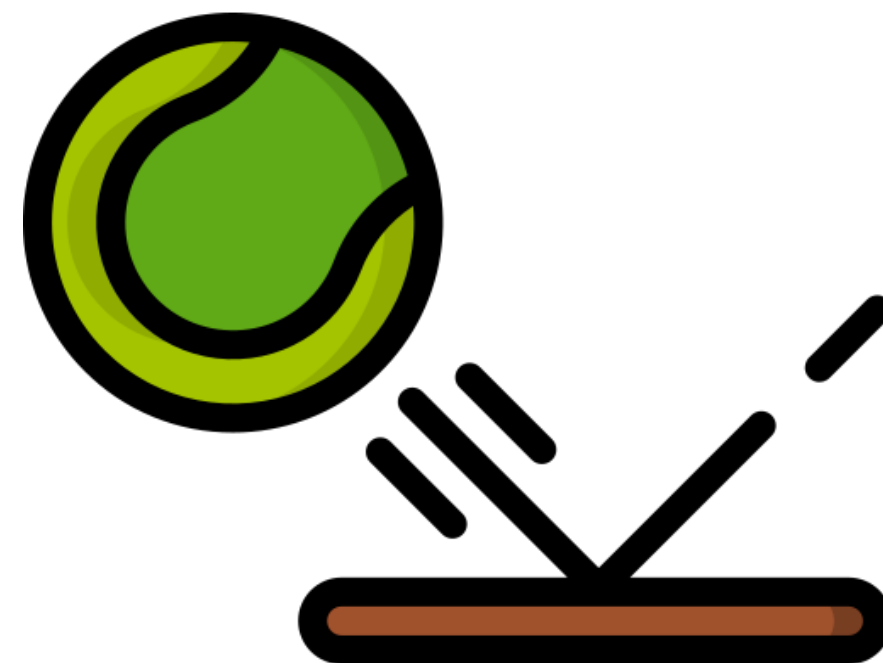
Pronunciation / Syllables

bounce
(*bounce*)

Word Class
(verb)

Definition:

When an object such as a ball bounces or when you bounce it, it moves upwards from a surface or away from it immediately after hitting it.



Gustav **bounced** the ball to Justine.

Synonym:

rebound

vault

Antonym:

Prefix / Suffix:

-ed

-s

Rhyme:

pounce

announce

Link Word:

ball

quickly



Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

Pronunciation / Syllables

meet
(meet)

Word Class
(verb)

Definition:

If you meet someone, you happen to be in the same place as them and start talking to them. You may know the other person, but be surprised to see them, or you may not know them at all.



Gregor needed to **meet** Mrs Robson at break time.

Synonym:

encounter

bump into

Antonym:

avoid

evade

Prefix / Suffix:

un-

-ing

Rhyme:

feet

street

Link Word:

together

up



Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

reluctant
(re-luc-tant)

Word Class
(adjective)

Pronunciation / Syllables

Definition:

If you are reluctant to do something, you are unwilling to do it and hesitate before doing it, or do it slowly and without enthusiasm.



Alonso was **reluctant** to get in the swimming pool.

Synonym:

unwilling

fearful

Antonym:

willing

eager

Prefix / Suffix:

-ly

-ance

Rhyme:

Link Word:

increasingly

witness



Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

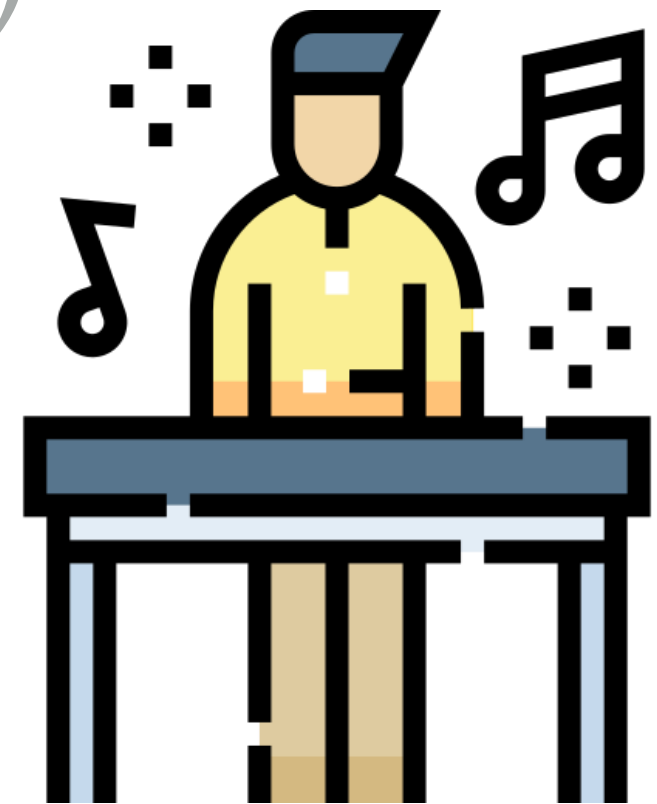
effortless
(*ef-fort-less*)

Word Class
(adjective)

Pronunciation / Syllables

Definition:

Something that is effortless
is done easily and well.



Mr Jay made playing the piano look **effortless**.

Synonym:

easy

simple

Antonym:

difficult

hard

Prefix / Suffix:

-ly

-ness

Rhyme:

Link Word:

style

looked



Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

Pronunciation / Syllables

glare
(glare)

Word Class
(noun / verb)

Definition:

If you glare at someone, you look at them with an angry expression on your face.



Mr Jay **glared** at the class for talking

Synonym:

scowl

glower

Antonym:

smile

grin

Prefix / Suffix:

anti-

-ing

Rhyme:

where

stare

Link Word:

angry

icy



Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

tension
(*ten-sion*)

Word Class
(noun)

Pronunciation / Syllables

Definition:

Tension is the feeling that is produced in a situation when people are anxious and do not trust each other.



You could feel the **tension**, as Mr Jay glared at the class.

Synonym:

friction

unease

Antonym:

harmony

serenity

Prefix / Suffix:

hyper-

-s

Rhyme:

mention

attention

Link Word:

awkward

rising



Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

unanimous
(*u-nan-i-mous*)

Word Class
(adjective)

Pronunciation / Syllables

Definition:

When a group of people are unanimous, they all agree about something or all vote for the same thing.



It was **unanimous**, everyone thought Ron had been rude.

Synonym:

united

allied

Antonym:

divided

discordant

Prefix / Suffix

non-

-ly

Rhyme:

Link Word:

decision

opinion

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: climb

Word: skip

Word: bounce

Word: meet



Vocabulary Visualiser

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



Word: effortless

Word: reluctant

Word: glare

Word: unanimous



Matching Meanings

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



Grasshopper Word

Grasshopper Definitions

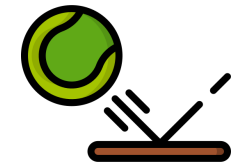
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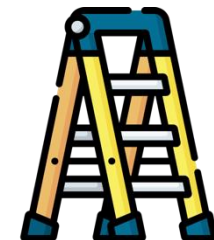
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Matching Meanings

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



Shinobi Word

Shinobi Definitions

reluctant

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effortless

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glare

When a group of people are ***, they all agree about something or all vote for the same thing.



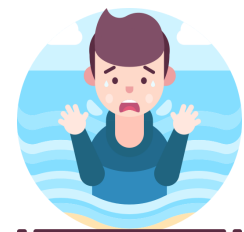
tension

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unanimous

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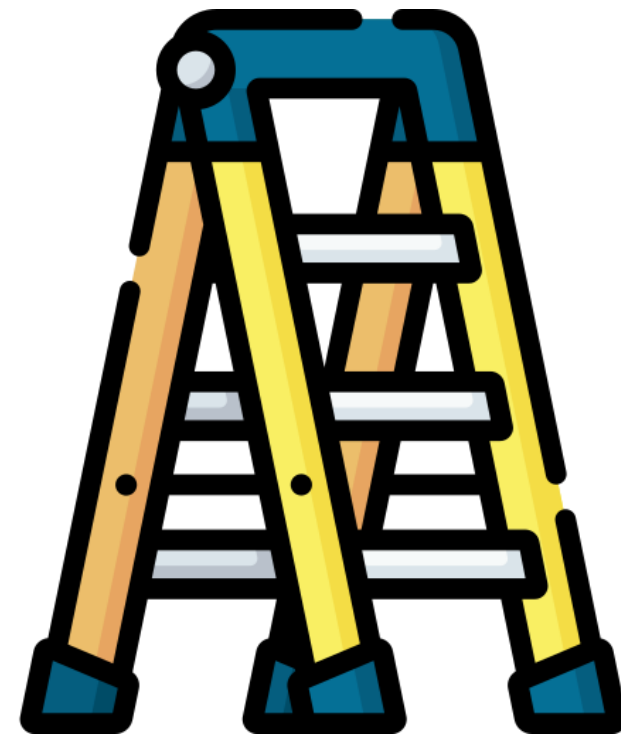
Display Slips

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.





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skip





blow



bounce





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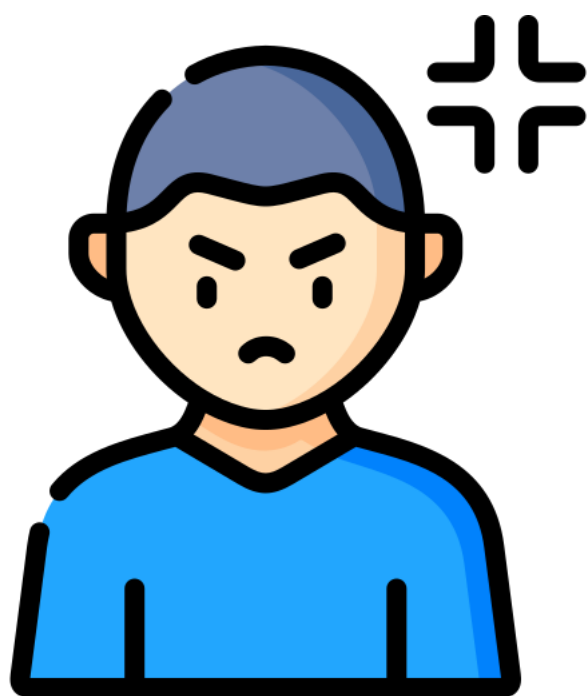


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