

Word of the Day

Spring Term 2026

Week 34 – 18th May 2026



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

This Week's Words

Grasshopper

thirsty

ground

nickname

ambulance

weekend

Shinobi

diverse

fabricate

debacle

cajole

impartial



VOCABULARY NINJA

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Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

Pronunciation / Syllables

thirsty
(*thirst-y*)

Word Class
(noun)

Definition:

If you are thirsty, you feel a need to drink something.



John was **thirsty** after the PE lesson.

Synonym:

parched

gasping

Antonym:

satisfied

quenched

Prefix / Suffix:

-ily

-ness

Rhyme:

nurse

curse

Link Word:

work

desperately



Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

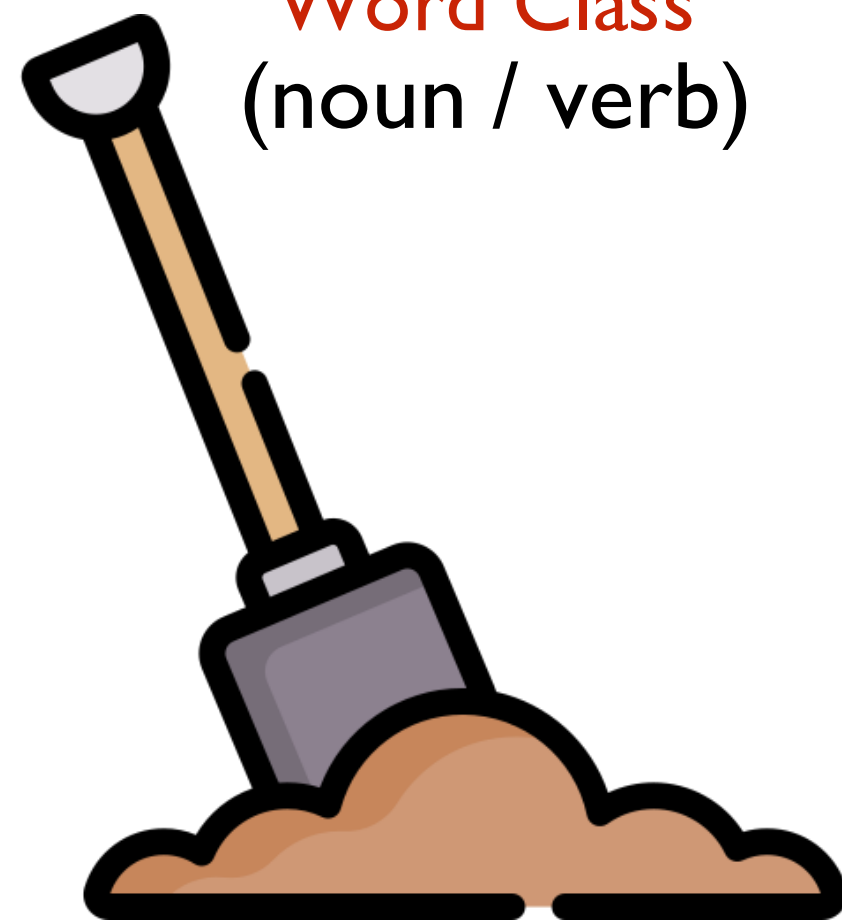
Pronunciation / Syllables

ground
(ground)

Word Class
(noun / verb)

Definition:

The ground is the soil and rock on the earth's surface.



Fred dug a hole in the **ground** with a spade.

Synonym:

earth

land

Antonym:

heavens

sky

Prefix / Suffix:

re-

-ed

Rhyme:

found

around

Link Word:

solid

raised



Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day: **nickname**

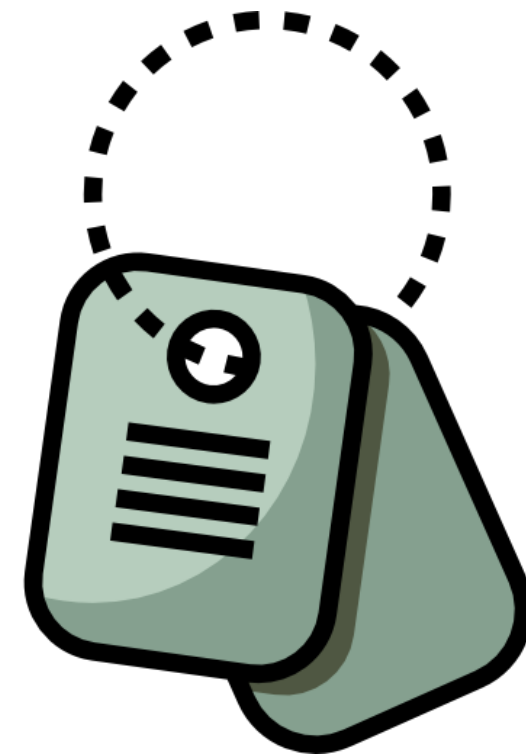
Word Class
(noun)

Pronunciation / Syllables

(nick-name)

Definition:

A nickname is an informal name for someone or something.



Alvaro's **nickname** was on his tags.

Synonym:

tag

label

Antonym:

Prefix / Suffix:

-s

Rhyme:

Link Word:

short

affectionate



Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day: **ambulance**

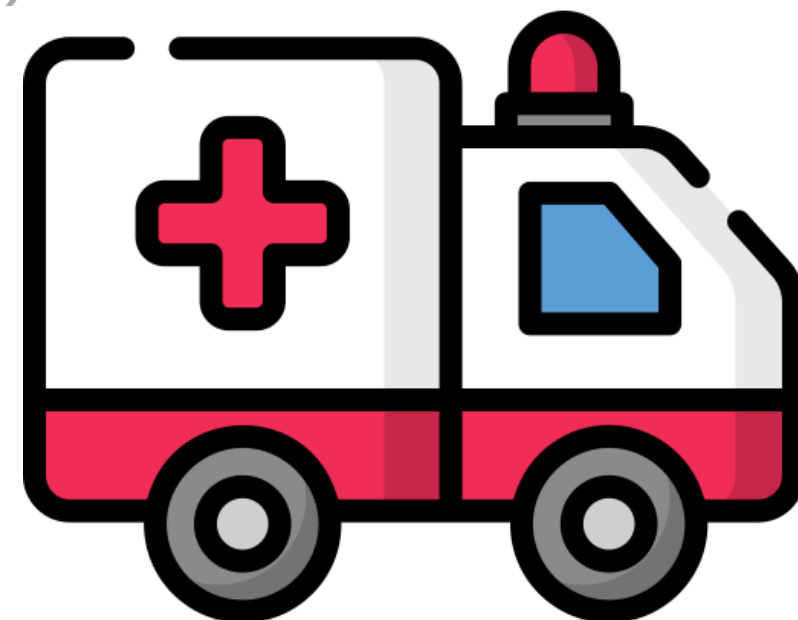
Word Class
(noun)

Pronunciation / Syllables

(*am-bu-lance*)

Definition:

An ambulance is a vehicle for taking people to and from hospital.



The **ambulance** sounded the siren.

Synonym:

rescue

Antonym:

Prefix / Suffix:

-s

Rhyme:

Link Word:

emergency

hospital



Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

weekend

Word Class
(noun)

Pronunciation / Syllables

(week-end)

Definition:

A weekend is Saturday and Sunday.



The family were visiting the beach at the **weekend**.

Synonym:

Antonym:

Prefix / Suffix:

Rhyme:

Link Word:

-s

quiet

-er

upcoming



Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

Pronunciation / Syllables

diverse
(di-verse)

Word Class
(adjective)

Definition:

If a group or range of things is diverse, it is made up of a wide variety of things.



School is a **diverse** and welcoming place.

Synonym:

assorted

varied

Antonym:

similar

same

Prefix / Suffix:

-ity

-ify

Rhyme:

nurse

curse

Link Word:

community

culture



Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

fabricate
(fab-ri-cate)

Word Class
(verb)

Pronunciation / Syllables

Definition:

If someone fabricates information, they invent it in order to deceive people.



Jenny had **fabricated** what had happened at playtime.

Synonym:

concoct

invent

Antonym:

be honest

tell the truth

Prefix / Suffix:

-tion

-ed

Rhyme:

abdicate

Link Word:

total

outright



Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

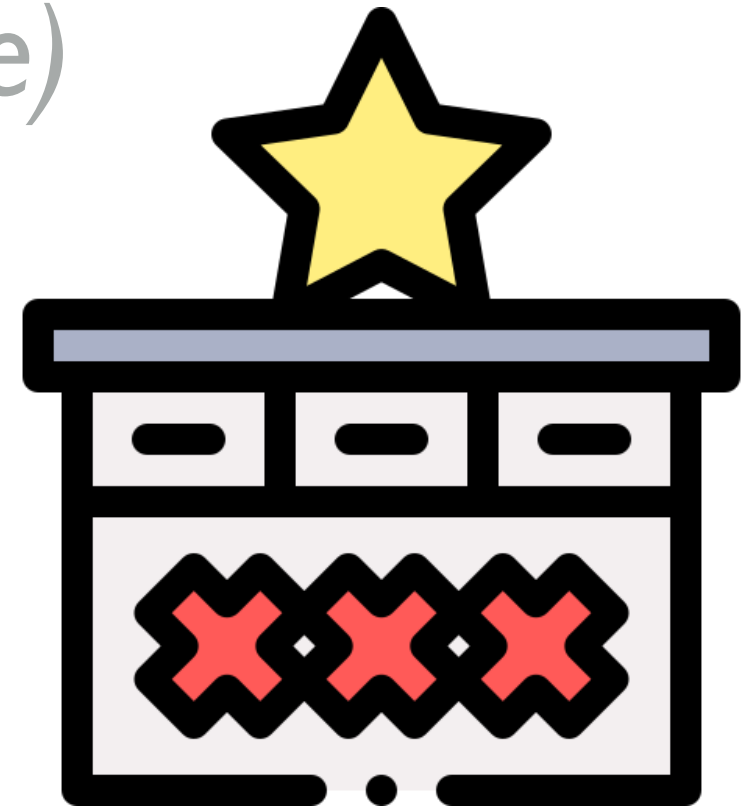
debacle
(de-ba-cle)

Word Class
(noun)

Pronunciation / Syllables

Definition:

A debacle is an event or attempt that is a complete failure.



The talent show was a complete **debacle**.

Synonym:

fiasco

failure

Antonym:

success

accomplishment

Prefix / Suffix:

Rhyme:

Link Word:

embarrassing

major



Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

Pronunciation / Syllables

cajole
(ca-jole)

Word Class
(verb)

Definition:

If you cajole someone into doing something, you get them to do it after persuading them for some time.



Mrs Cooke **cajoled** the children into reading during break.

Synonym:

persuade

coax

Antonym:

bully

discourage

Prefix / Suffix:

-ed

-ing

Rhyme:

soul

whole

Link Word:

gentle

artfully



Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

impartial
(*im-par-tial*)

Word Class
(adjective)

Pronunciation / Syllables

Definition:

Someone who is impartial is not directly involved in a particular situation, and is therefore able to give a fair opinion or decision about it.



Mr Francis was always a fair and **impartial** referee.

Synonym:

neutral

unbiased

Antonym:

biased

partial

Prefix / Suffix

-ly

Rhyme:

marshal

partial

Link Word:

game

judge

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: thirsty

Word: ground

Word: ambulance

Word: weekend



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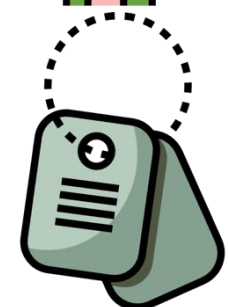
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Shinobi Definitions

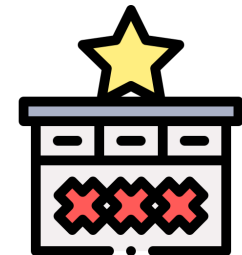
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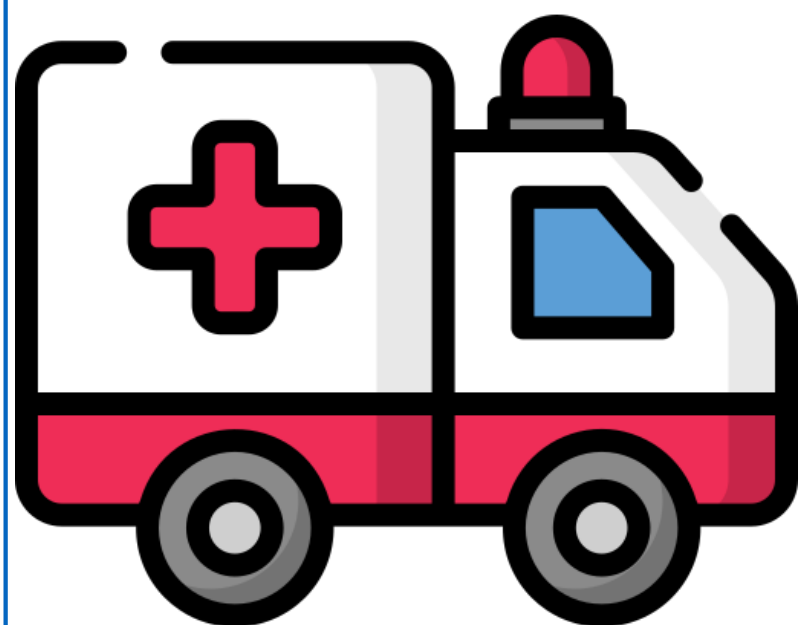
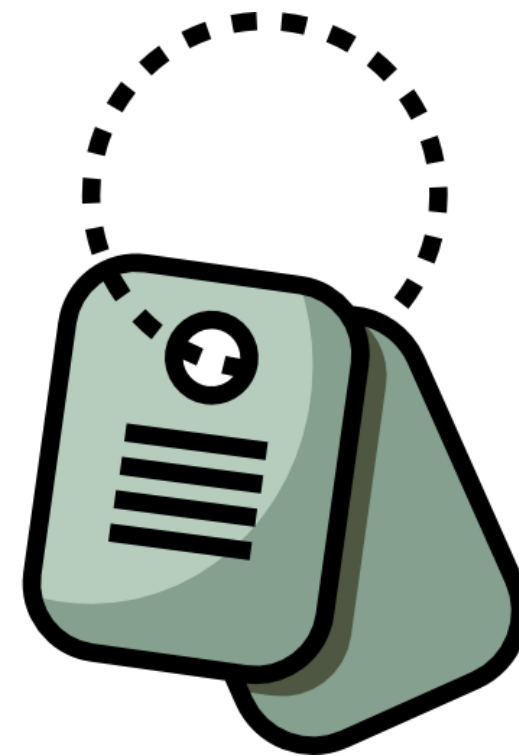


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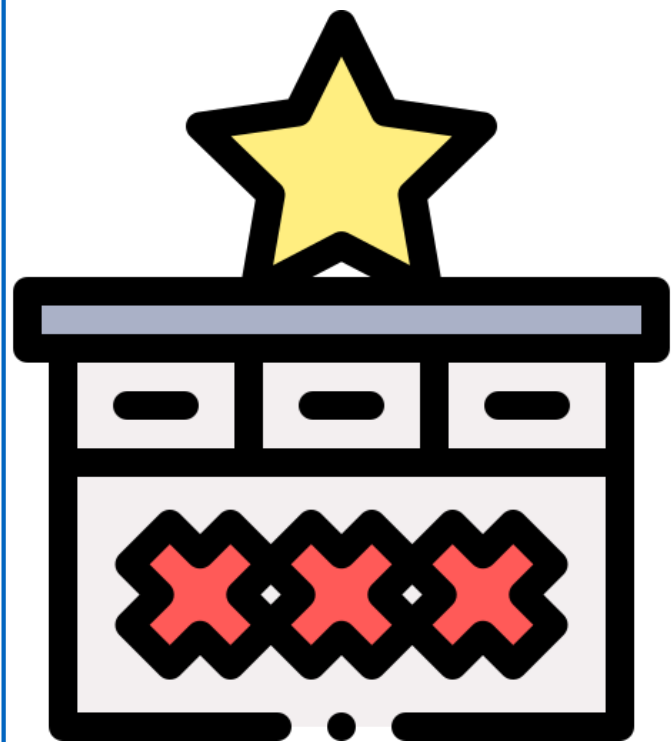


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