

Word of the Day

Autumn Term 2026

Week 1 – 31st August



This Week's Words

Grasshopper

tear
office
spare
chipped
lift

Shinobi

tolerate
mutter
fixation

VN VOCABULARY NINJA

VN Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day: heart
(heart)

Word Class: (noun)

Definition:
Your heart is the organ in your chest that pumps the blood around your body. People also use heart to refer to the area of their chest that is closest to their heart.

My heart was beating in my chest.

Rhyme: heart was beating
part
start

Link Word: blood
body

VN Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day: calamitous
(ca-lam-i-tous)

Word Class: (adjective)

Definition:
If you describe an event or situation as calamitous, you mean it is very unfortunate or serious.

The calamitous twins destroyed the play room.

Phrases: the calamitous pair
completely calamitous

Synonym: disastrous
devastating

Antonym: good

Prefix / Suffix:

Rhyme: glamorous

Link Word: disaster
bad

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

This Week's Words

Grasshopper

roar

crash

froze

clump

clean

Shinobi

transport

identify

scan

numb

skilled



VOCABULARY NINJA

Grasshopper (Tier 1)

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VOCABULARY NINJA



Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

Pronunciation / Syllables

roar
(*roar*)

Word Class
(verb / noun)

Definition:

If something roars, it makes a very loud noise.



The children **roared** with happiness.

Synonym:

boom

rumble

Antonym:

whisper

quiet

Prefix / Suffix:

-ed

-ing

Rhyme:

pour

shore

Link Word:

animal

loudly



Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

Pronunciation / Syllables

crash
(*crash*)

Word Class
(verb / noun)

Definition:

If something crashes somewhere, it moves and hits something else violently, making a loud noise.



Alex **crashed** through the classroom door.

Synonym:

explode

blast

Antonym:

implode

Prefix / Suffix:

-ed

-ing

Rhyme:

bash

mash

Link Word:

sudden

minor



Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

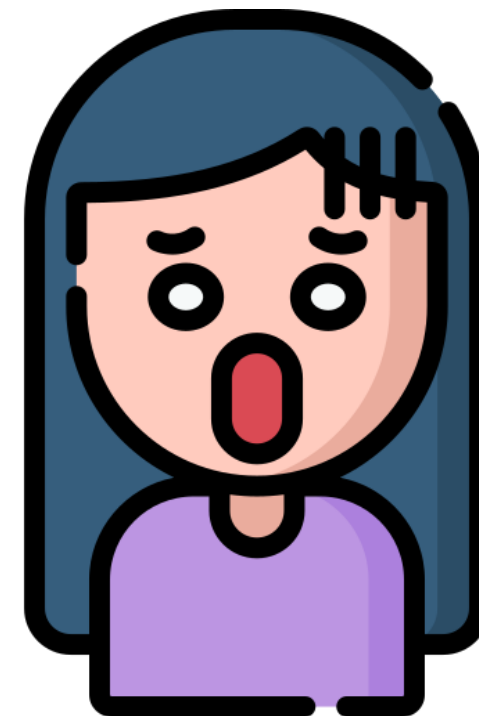
Pronunciation / Syllables

froze
(froze)

Word Class
(verb)

Definition:

If someone who is moving freezes or is froze, they suddenly stop and become completely still and quiet.



Julia **froze**; there was a spider in front of her.

Synonym:

suspend

fix

Antonym:

continue

go

Prefix / Suffix:

un-

re-

Rhyme:

rose

hose

Link Word:

completely

terror



Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

Pronunciation / Syllables

clump
(clump)

Word Class
(noun)

Definition:

A clump of things such as trees or plants is a small group of them growing together.



There was a **clump** of flowers growing in the grass.

Synonym:

knot
chunk

Antonym:

individual
one

Prefix / Suffix:

un-
re-

Rhyme:

rose
hose

Link Word:

completely
terror



Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

Pronunciation / Syllables

clean
(clean)

Word Class
(adjective / verb)

Definition:

Something that is clean is free from dirt or unwanted marks.



Before we could leave, we needed to **clean** our table.

Synonym:

scrub

mop

Antonym:

dirty

Rhyme:

mean

seen

Link Word:

dirt

untidy



Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

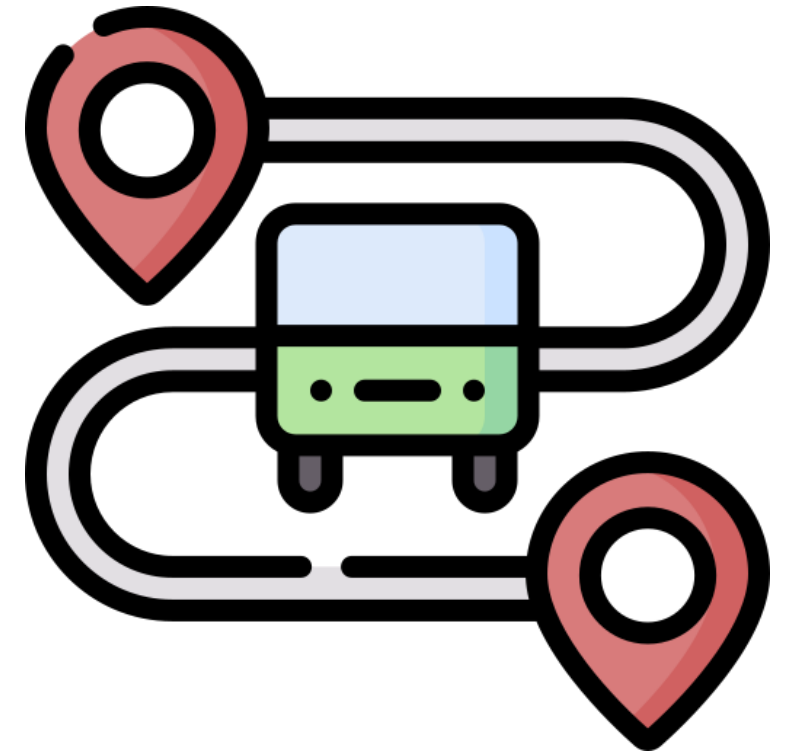
transport
(*trans-port*)

Word Class
(verb / noun)

Pronunciation / Syllables

Definition:

To transport people or goods somewhere is to take them from one place to another in a vehicle.



The children were **transported** to swimming on a bus.

Synonym:

move

carry

Antonym:

Prefix / Suffix:

-ation

-ed

Rhyme:

short

report

Link Word:

vehicle

venue



Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

Pronunciation / Syllables

identify
(i-den-ti-fy)

Word Class
(verb)

Definition:

If you identify someone or something, you name them or say who or what they are.



Paul **identified** his friends on the website.

Synonym:

spot

establish

Antonym:

Prefix / Suffix:

-cation

mis-

Rhyme:

Link Word:

friends

information



Shinobi Word of the Day

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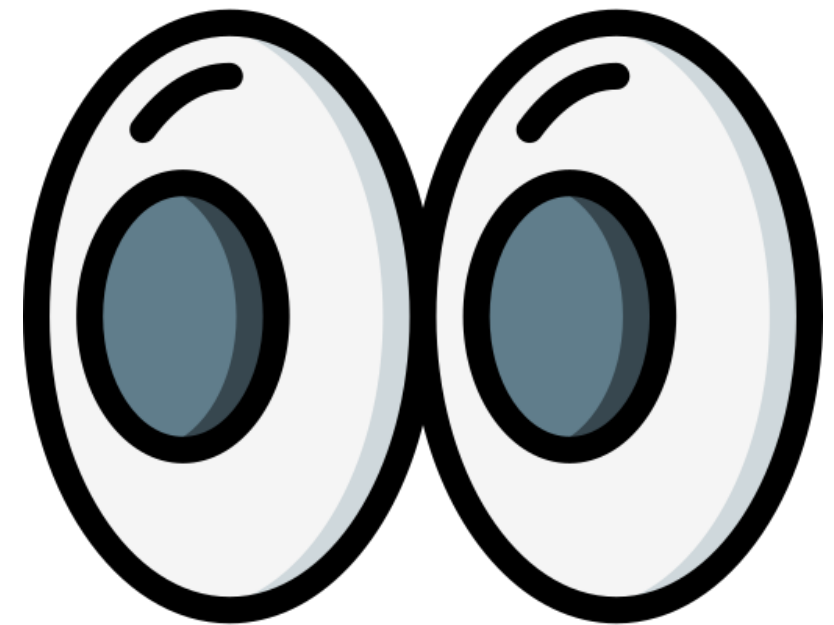
Pronunciation / Syllables

scan
(scan)

Word Class
(verb / noun)

Definition:

When you scan a place or group of people, you look at it carefully, usually because you are looking for something or someone.



Robbie quickly **scanned** the playground for his friends.

Synonym:

survey

inspect

Antonym:

Prefix / Suffix:

re-

-ed

Rhyme:

plan

van

Link Word:

crowd

text



Shinobi Word of the Day

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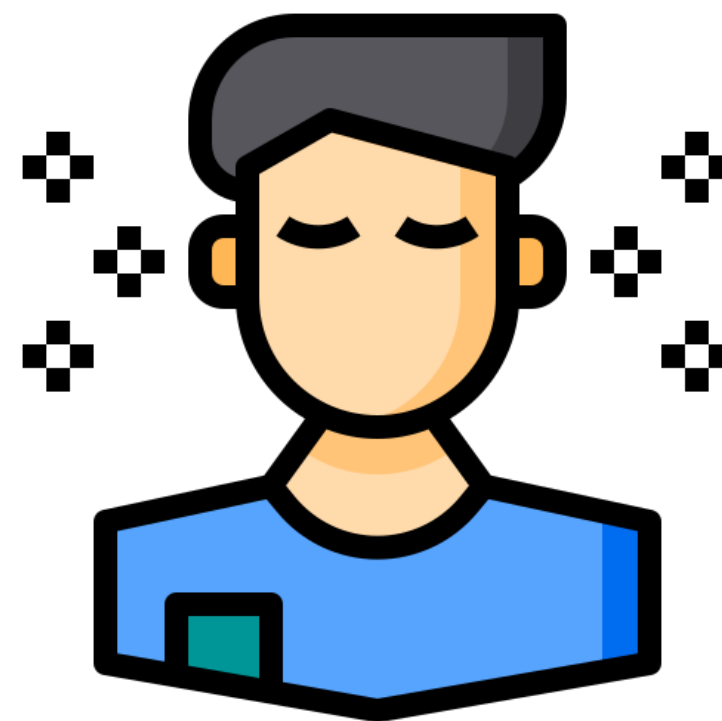
numb
(*numb*)

Word Class
(adjective)

Pronunciation / Syllables

Definition:

If a part of your body is numb, you cannot feel anything there.



My face was **numb** after being hit by the ball.

Synonym:

dead
stunned

Antonym:

sensitive
responsive

Prefix / Suffix:

-ly

Rhyme:

thumb
drum

Link Word:

feeling
accident



Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

Pronunciation / Syllables

skilled
(skilled)

Word Class
(adjective)

Definition:

Someone who is skilled has the knowledge and ability to do something well.



Rumi was **skilled** at playing the guitar.

Synonym:

talented
proficient

Antonym:

unskilled

Prefix / Suffix

un-
multi-

Rhyme:

drilled
filled

Link Word:

cook
musician

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: roar

Word: crash

Word: clump

Word: clean



Vocabulary Visualiser

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



Word: transport

Word: scan

Word: numb

Word: skilled



Matching Meanings

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



Grasshopper Word

Grasshopper Definitions

roar

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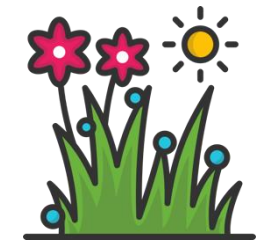
crash

If something ***, it makes a very loud noise.



froze

A *** of things such as trees or plants is a small group of them growing together.



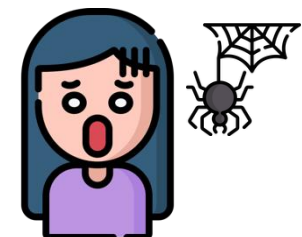
clump

If something *** somewhere, it moves and hits something else violently, making a loud noise.



clean

If someone who is moving *** or is ***, they suddenly stop and become completely still and quiet.



Matching Meanings

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



Shinobi Word

Shinobi Definitions

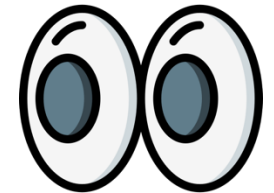
transport

If you *** someone or something, you name them or say who or what they are.



identify

When you *** a place or group of people, you look at it carefully, usually because you are looking for something or someone.



scan

Someone who is *** has the knowledge and ability to do something well.



numb

To *** people or goods somewhere is to take them from one place to another in a vehicle.



skilled

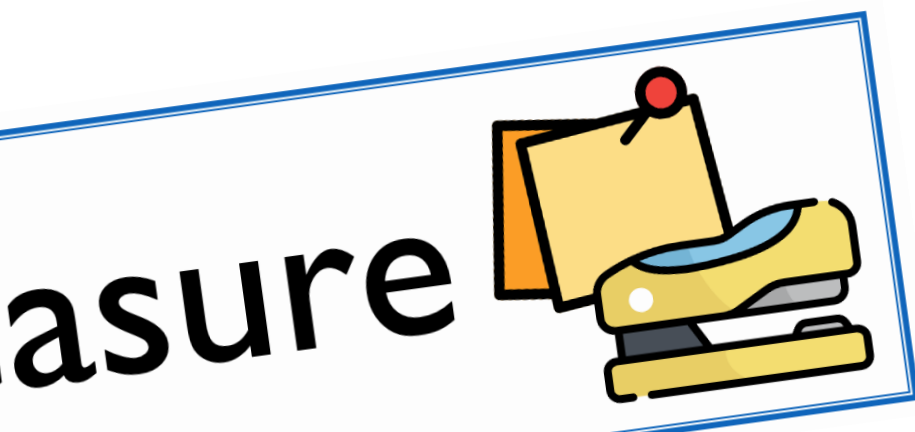
If a part of your body is ***, you cannot feel anything there.





Display Slips

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roar

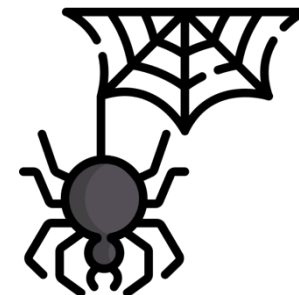
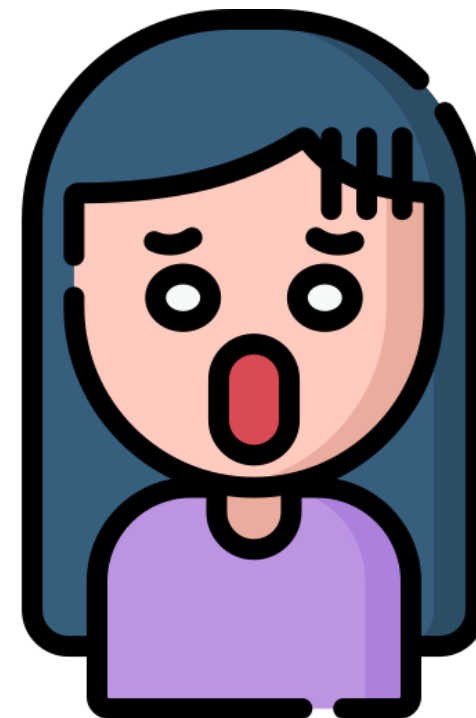


crash





froze

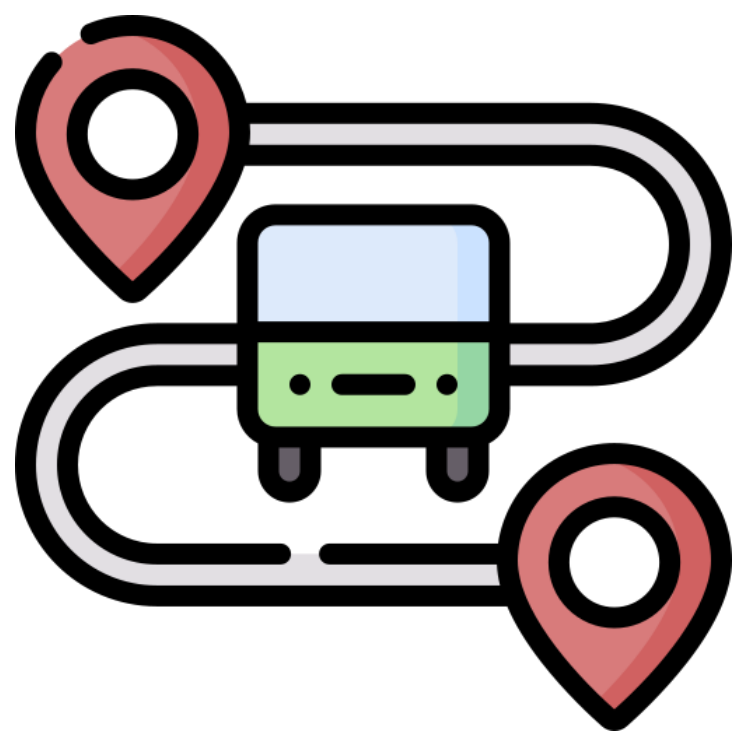


clump





clean

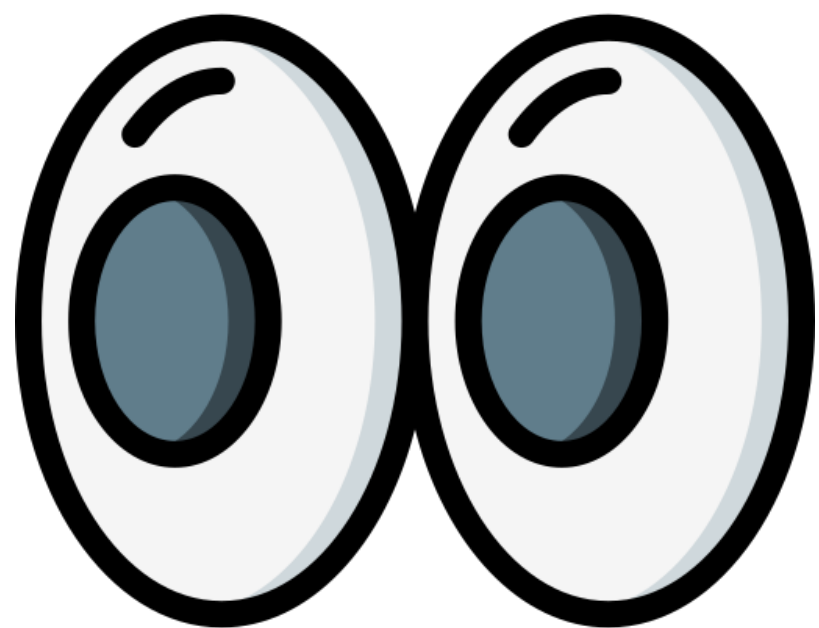


transport





identify

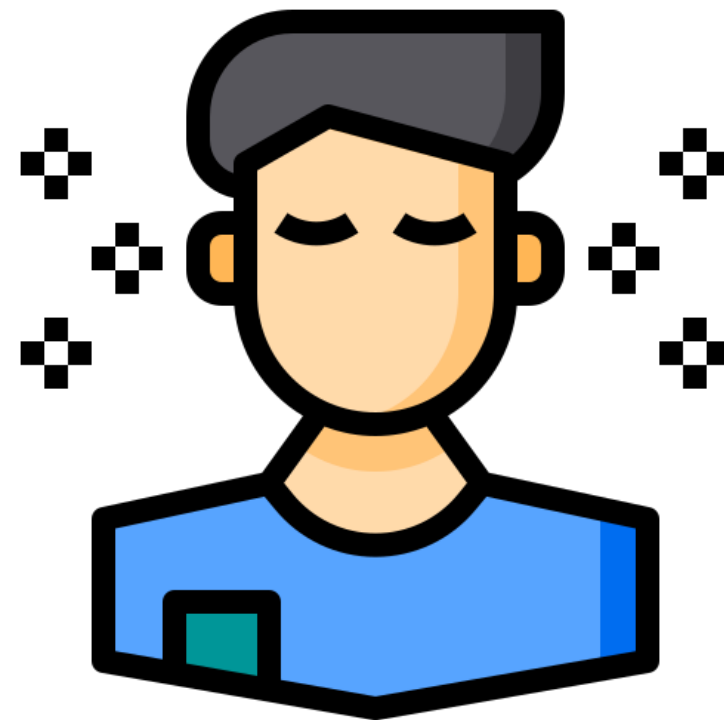


scan





numb



skilled



Grasshopper (Tier 1)

worry

exercise

lonely

return

support



VOCABULARY NINJA

Shinobi (Tier 2)

uncertain
emotional
relationship
overwhelm
well-being



VOCABULARY NINJA



Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

Pronunciation / Syllables

worry
(wor-ry)

Word Class
(verb)

Definition:

If you worry, you keep thinking about problems that you have or about unpleasant things that might happen.



Alice was **worried** about returning to school.

Synonym:

panic

stew

Antonym:

calmness

certainty

Prefix / Suffix:

-ed

-ing

Rhyme:

curry

hurry

Link Word:

cause

overcome



Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

exercise
(ex-er-cise)

Word Class
(verb / noun)

Pronunciation / Syllables

Definition:

If you exercise something such as your authority, your rights, or a good quality, you use it or put it into effect.



Exercise was great for helping me feel better.

Synonym:

movement

train

Antonym:

idleness

inaction

Prefix / Suffix:

over-

-ing

Rhyme:

curry

hurry

Link Word:

daily

never



Grasshopper Word of the Day

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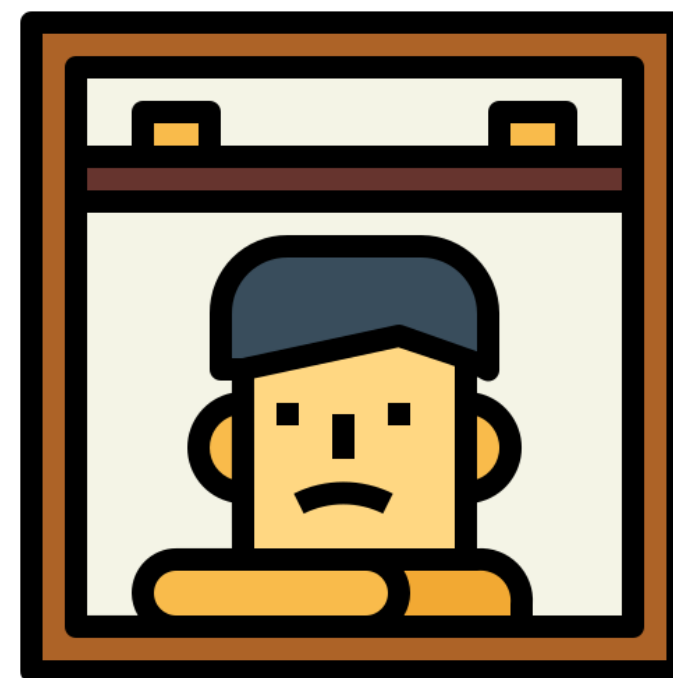
Pronunciation / Syllables

lonely
(lone-ly)

Word Class
(adjective)

Definition:

Someone who is lonely is unhappy because they are alone or do not have anyone they can talk to.



Sometimes it was quite **lonely** at home.

Synonym:

alone

isolated

Antonym:

popular

sociable

Prefix / Suffix:

-ness

Rhyme:

only

homely

Link Word:

place

feel



Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

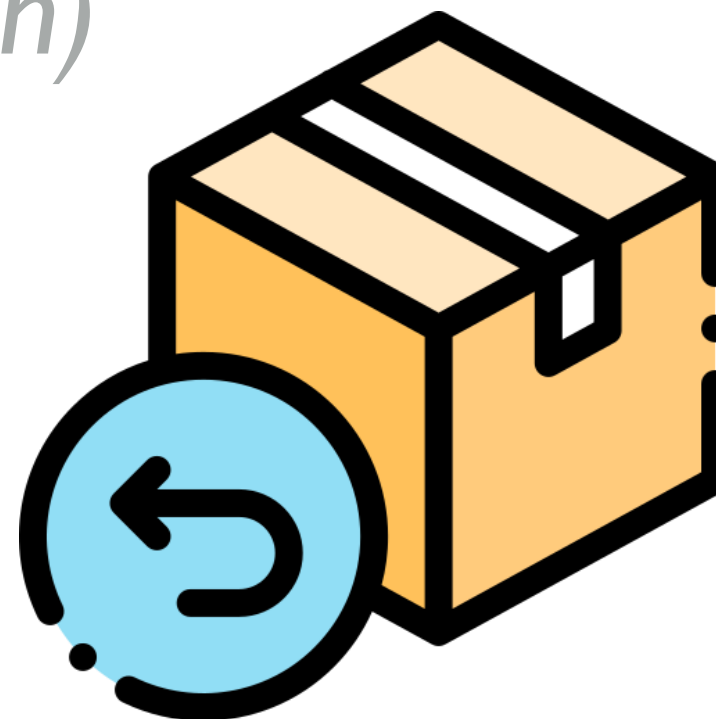
Pronunciation / Syllables

return
(re-turn)

Word Class
(verb / noun)

Definition:

When you return to a place,
you go back there after you
have been away.



The children were glad to **return** to their school.

Synonym:

go back

come back

Antonym:

depart

send

Prefix / Suffix:

-ed

-able

Rhyme:

learn

earn

Link Word:

home

journey



Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

support
(*sup-port*)

Word Class
(verb / noun)

Pronunciation / Syllables

Definition:

If you support someone or their ideas or aims, you agree with them, and perhaps help them because you want them to succeed.



The teachers were there to **support** the pupils.

Synonym:

help

aid

Antonym:

oppose

disapproval

Prefix / Suffix:

re-

-ed

Rhyme:

short

report

Link Word:

network

worker



Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day: **uncertain**

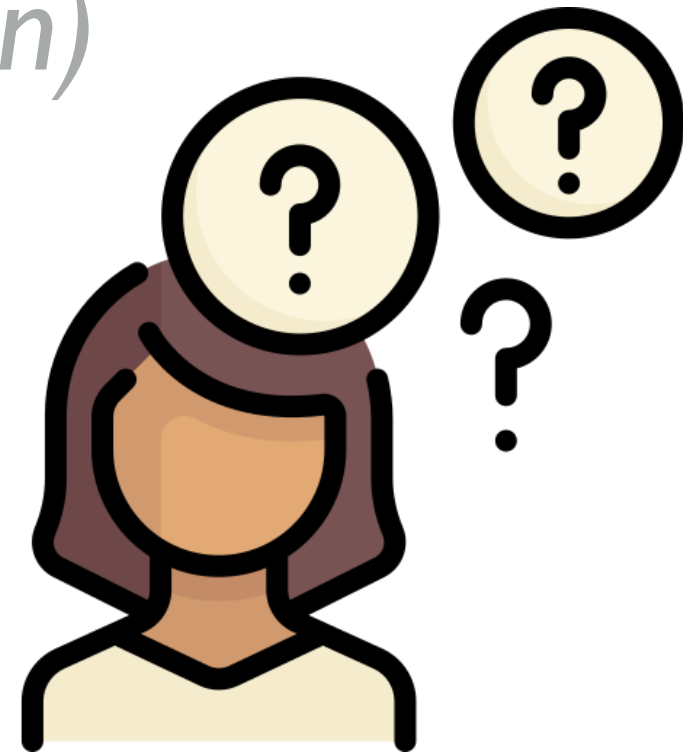
Word Class
(adjective)

Pronunciation / Syllables

(*un-cer-tain*)

Definition:

If you are uncertain about something, you do not know what you should do, what is going to happen, or what the truth is about something.



John was **uncertain** about what his classroom would be like.

Synonym:

unknown

unsure

Antonym:

certain

sure

Prefix / Suffix:

-ty

-ties

Rhyme:

curtain

burden

Link Word:

situation

outlook



Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day: **emotional**

Word Class
(adjective)

Pronunciation / Syllables

(e-mo-tion-al)

Definition:

Emotional means concerned with emotions and feelings.



Paul was feeling **emotional** after seeing his friends.

Phrases:

feeling emotional

it had been emotional because

Synonym:

warm

emotive

Antonym:

calm

numb

Prefix / Suffix:

-ly

Rhyme:

irrational

sensational

Link Word:

day

event



Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day: **relationship**

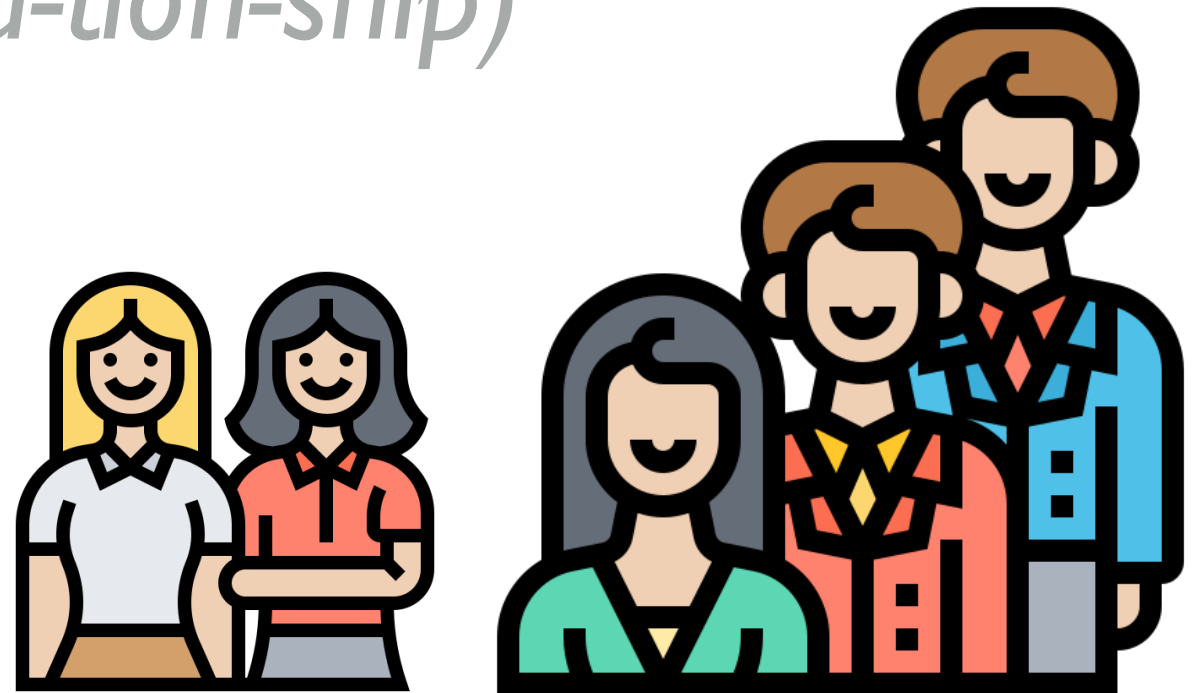
Word Class
(noun)

Pronunciation / Syllables

(re-la-tion-ship)

Definition:

The relationship between two people or groups is the way in which they feel and behave towards each other.



The children had a great **relationship** with the teacher.

Synonym:

connection

link

Antonym:

difference

division

Prefix / Suffix:

inter-

Rhyme:

Link Word:

strained

negative



Shinobi Word of the Day

Word Class
(verb)

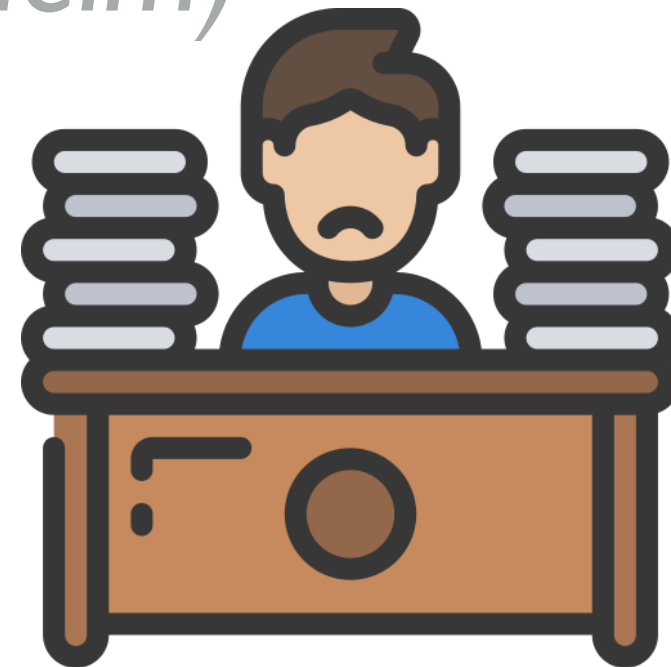
Word of the Day: **overwhelm**

Pronunciation / Syllables

(o-ver-whelm)

Definition:

If you are overwhelmed by a feeling or event, it affects you very strongly, and you do not know how to deal with it.



Emily felt **overwhelmed** by the work in her lessons.

Synonym:

swamp

overload

Antonym:

lose

encourage

Prefix / Suffix:

-ing

-ed

Rhyme:

realm

helm

Link Word:

feel

easily



Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day: **well-being**

Word Class
(noun)

Pronunciation / Syllables

(well-be-ing)

Definition:

Someone's well-being is their health and happiness.



Everyone's **well-being** was the school's priority.

Synonym:

welfare

health

Antonym:

injury

danger

Prefix / Suffix

Rhyme:

guaranteeing

agreeing

Link Word:

physical

mental

Vocabulary Laboratory



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(words with opposite meaning)

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(words that sound the same)

Link Words:

(Example: football = pitch, team, player)

Vocabulary Visualiser

Draw the
Grasshopper words
and bring them to life.



Word: worry

Word: exercise

Word: lonely

Word: support



Vocabulary Visualiser

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words and bring
them to life.



Word: uncertain

Word: emotional

Word: relationship

Word: overwhelm



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Shinobi Word

Shinobi Definitions

uncertain

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emotional

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relationship

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overwhelm

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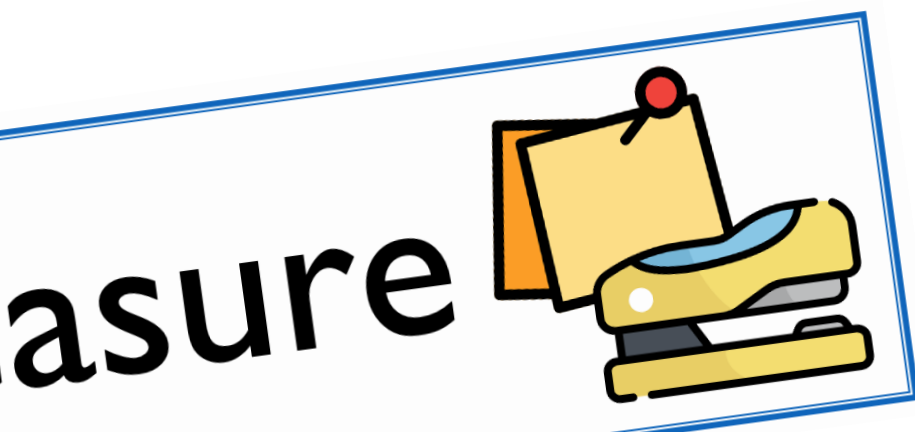
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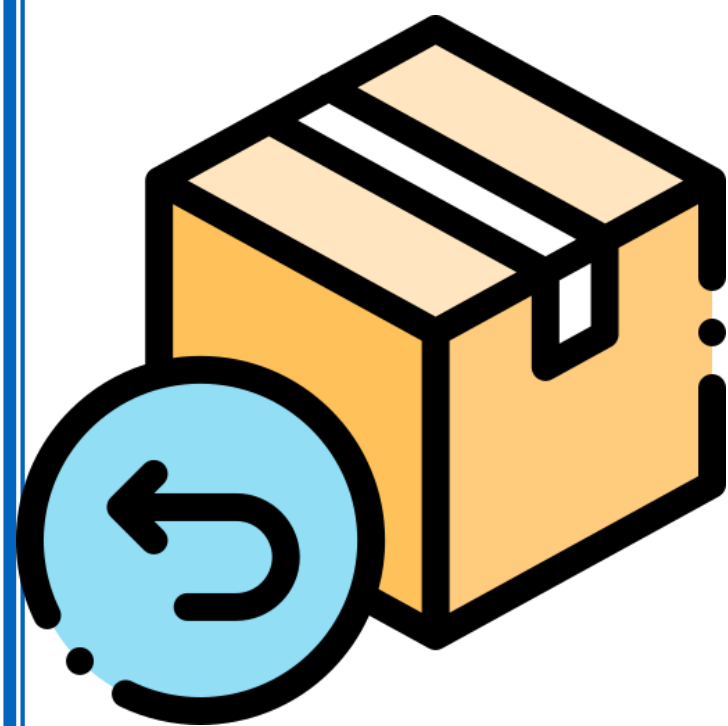


exercise





lonely

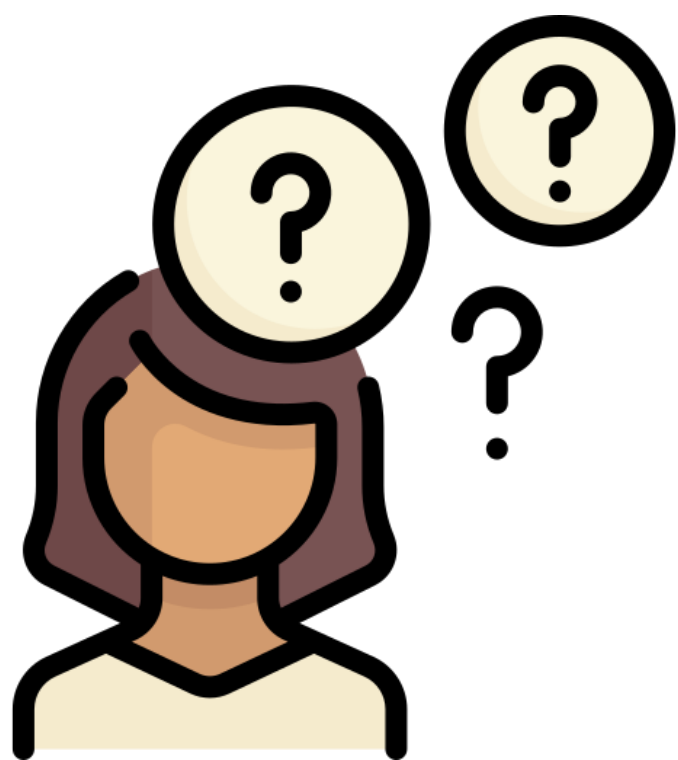
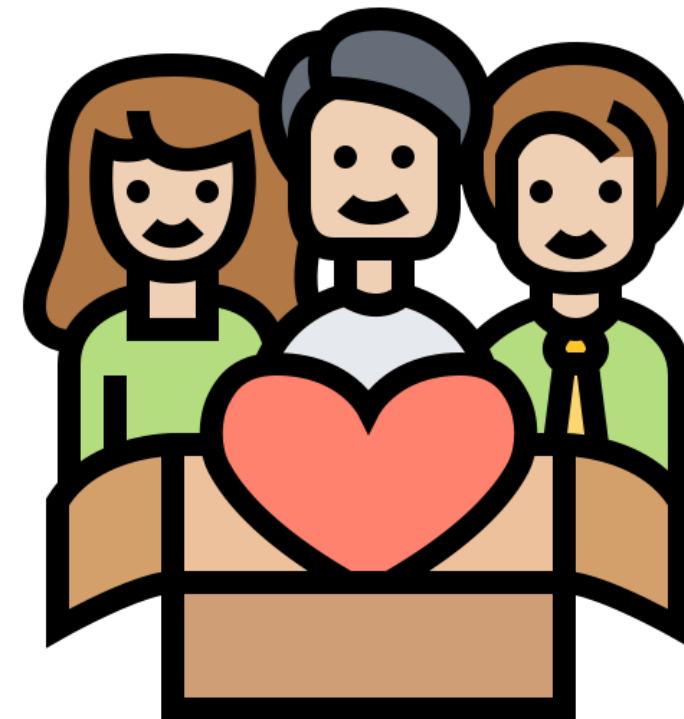


return





support



? uncertain





emotional

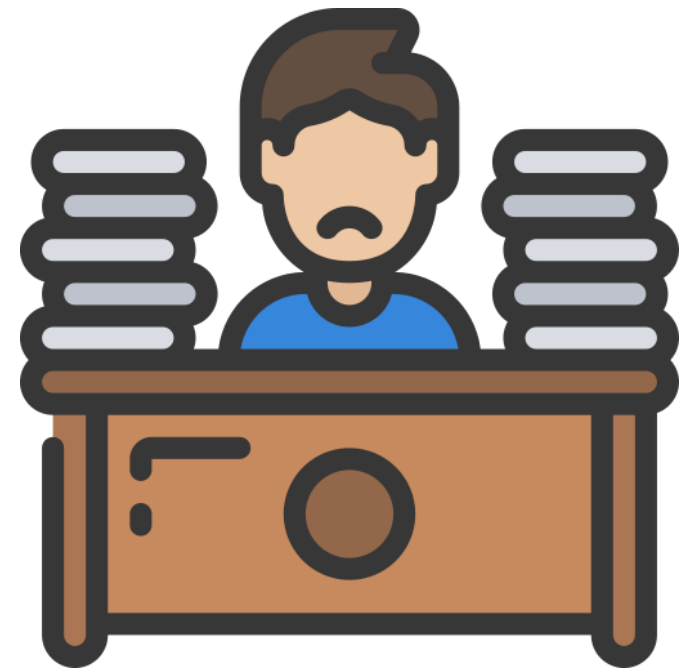


relationship





overwhelm



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