

Word of the Day

Autumn Term 2026

Week 7 – 12th October



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

pain

howl

maze

nutrient

slink

Shinobi

glint

expand

lunge

stark

malfunction



VOCABULARY NINJA

Grasshopper (Tier 1)

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VOCABULARY NINJA

Shinobi (Tier 2)

glint

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malfunction



VOCABULARY NINJA



Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

Pronunciation / Syllables

pain
(*pain*)

Word Class
(noun)

Definition:

Pain is the feeling of great discomfort you have, for example when you have been hurt or when you are ill.



Terry was in **pain** because he had jammed his finger.

Synonym:

agony

discomfort

Antonym:

comfort

relief

Prefix / Suffix:

-ful

-less

Rhyme:

again

brain

Link Word:

chronic

sudden



Grasshopper Word of the Day

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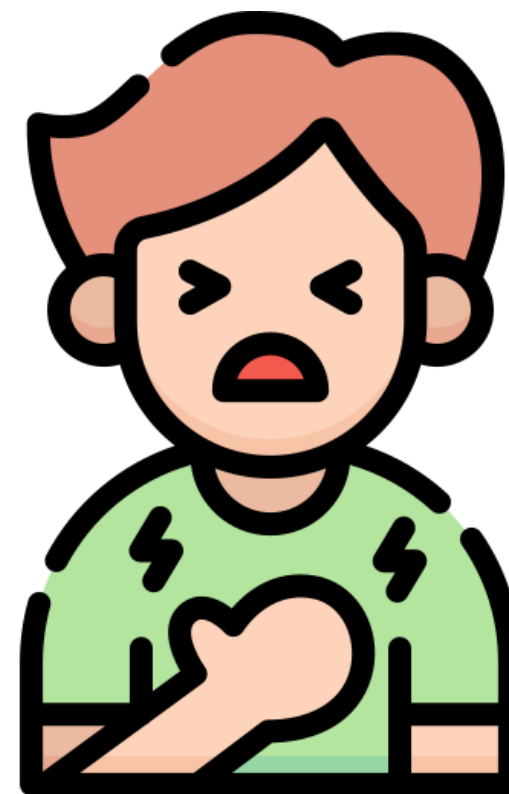
Pronunciation / Syllables

howl
(howl)

Word Class
(verb / noun)

Definition:

If a person howls, they make a long, loud cry expressing pain, anger, or unhappiness.



Lorenzo **howled** in pain after falling from the trampoline.

Synonym:

wail

yelp

Antonym:

be quiet

Prefix / Suffix:

-ed

-ing

Rhyme:

foul

towel

Link Word:

mournful

piercing



Grasshopper Word of the Day

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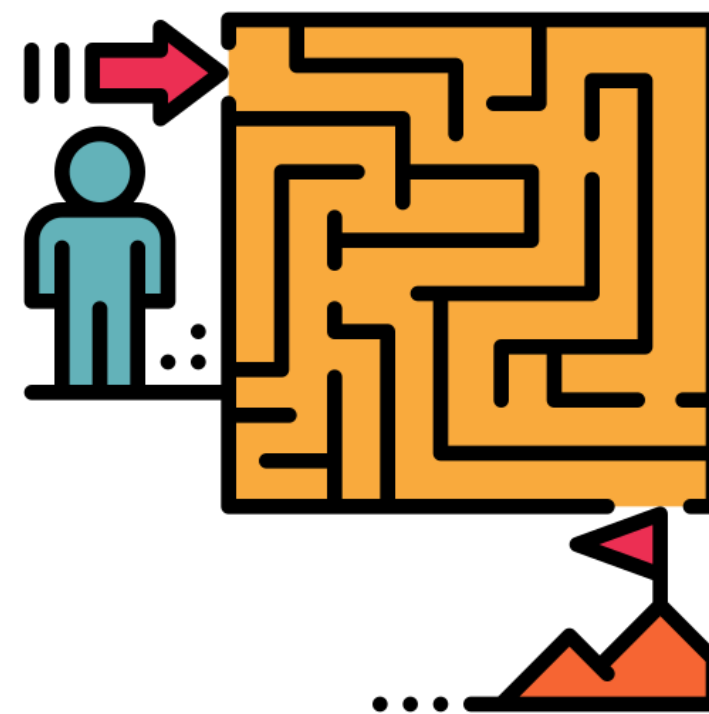
Pronunciation / Syllables

maze
(*maze*)

Word Class
(noun)

Definition:

A maze is a complex system of passages or paths between walls or hedges and is designed to confuse people who try to find their way through it.



The school was like a **maze**.

Synonym:

warren

web

Antonym:

line

order

Prefix / Suffix:

-like

-es

Rhyme:

days

ways

Link Word:

lost

puzzling



Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

nutrient
(*nu-tri-ent*)

Word Class
(noun)

Pronunciation / Syllables

Definition:

Nutrients are substances that help plants and animals to grow.



Alvaro got all of his **nutrients** from his five a day.

Synonym:

Antonym:

Prefix / Suffix:

Rhyme:

Link Word:

-like

days

food

-es

ways

key



Grasshopper Word of the Day

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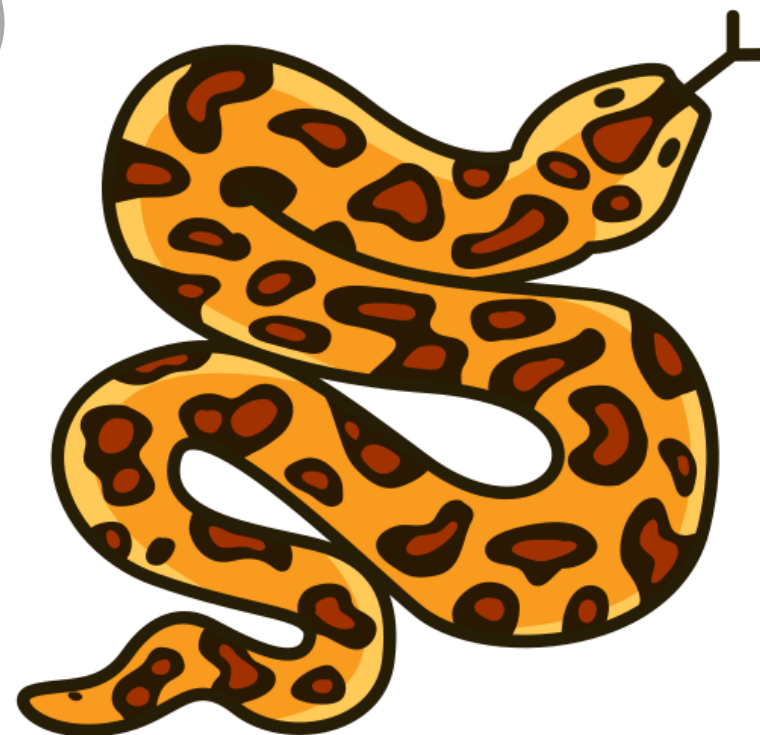
Pronunciation / Syllables

slink
(slink)

Word Class
(verb)

Definition:

If you slink somewhere, you move there quietly because you do not want to be seen.



The snake **slinked** through the long grass to the river.

Synonym:

creep

sneak

Antonym:

Prefix / Suffix:

-ing

-y

Rhyme:

think

wink

Link Word:

quietly

shadowy



Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

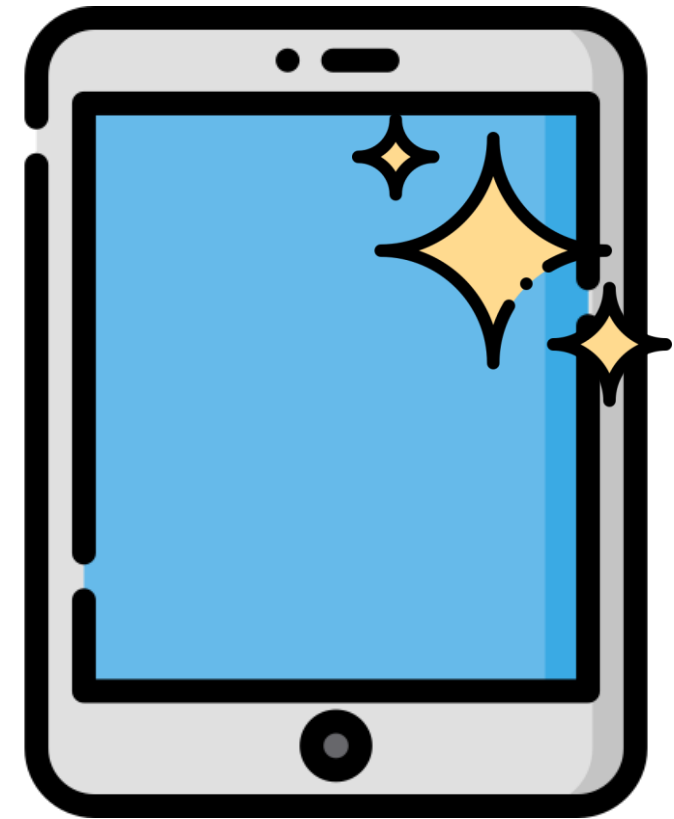
Pronunciation / Syllables

glint
(glint)

Word Class
(noun / verb)

Definition:

If something glints, it produces or reflects a quick flash of light.



Sunlight **glinted** off the screen of the tablet.

Synonym:

gleam
glimmer

Antonym:

dullness

Prefix / Suffix:

-ing
-ed

Rhyme:

print
hint

Link Word:

blinding
golden



Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

Pronunciation / Syllables

expand
(ex-pand)

Word Class
(verb)

Definition:

If something expands or is expanded, it becomes larger.



The number of children in the club had quickly **expanded**.

Synonym:

develop

multiply

Antonym:

shrink

condense

Prefix / Suffix:

-ed

-ing

Rhyme:

demand

stand

Link Word:

rapidly

further



Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

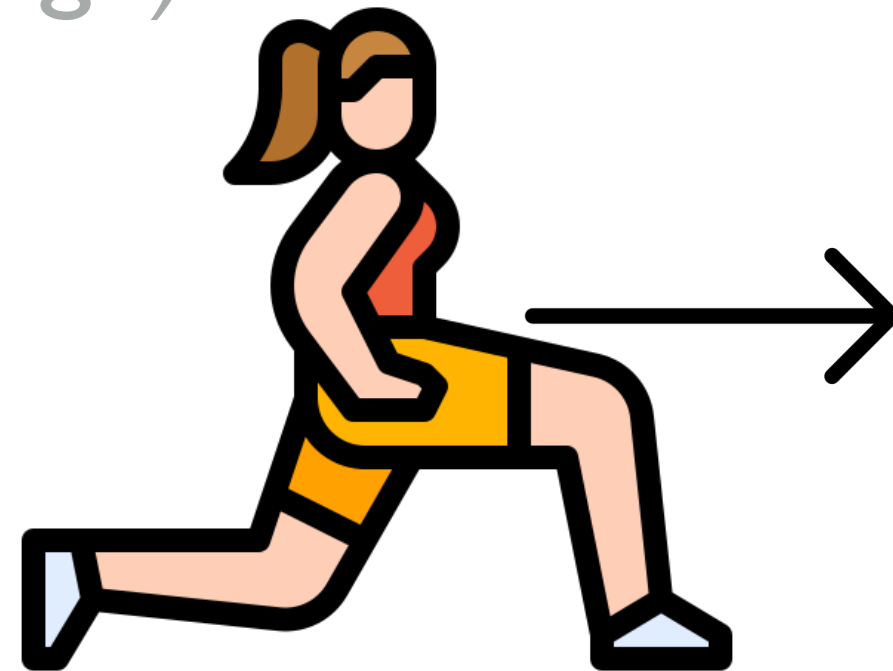
Pronunciation / Syllables

lunge
(lunge)

Word Class
(verb)

Definition:

If you lunge in a particular direction, you move in that direction suddenly and clumsily.



Jenny **lunged** towards the fruit bowl.

Synonym:

pounce

dive

Antonym:

retreat

Prefix / Suffix:

-ed

-ing

Rhyme:

plunge

sponge

Link Word:

exercise

grab



Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

Pronunciation / Syllables

stark
(stark)

Word Class
(adjective)

Definition:

Stark choices or statements are harsh and unpleasant.



The family had a **stark** decision to make.

Synonym:

grim
severe

Antonym:

simple
gentle

Prefix / Suffix:

-ly
-ness

Rhyme:

bark
lark

Link Word:

contrast
choice



Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day: **malfunction**

Word Class
(verb / noun)

Pronunciation / Syllables

(mal-func-tion)

Definition:

If a machine or part of the body malfunctions, it fails to work properly.



Nigel's hearing aid was **malfunctioning**.

Synonym:

fault

failure

Antonym:

work

Prefix / Suffix

-ed

-ing

Rhyme:

function

junction

Link Word:

seriously

frequently

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: pain

Word: howl

Word: maze

Word: nutrient



Vocabulary Visualiser

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



Word: expand

Word: glint

Word: lunge

Word: malfunction



Matching Meanings

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



Grasshopper Word

Grasshopper Definitions

pain

If a person ***, they make a long, loud cry expressing pain, anger, or unhappiness.



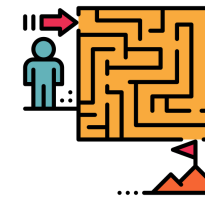
howl

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maze

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nutrient

*** is the feeling of great discomfort you have, for example when you have been hurt or when you are ill.



slink

*** are substances that help plants and animals to grow.



Matching Meanings

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



Shinobi Word

Shinobi Definitions

glint

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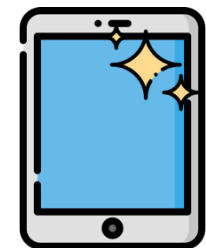
expand

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lunge

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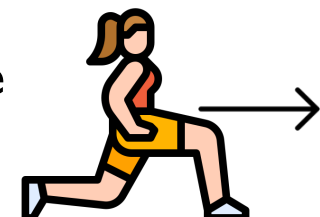
stark

If a machine or part of the body ***, it fails to work properly.



malfunction

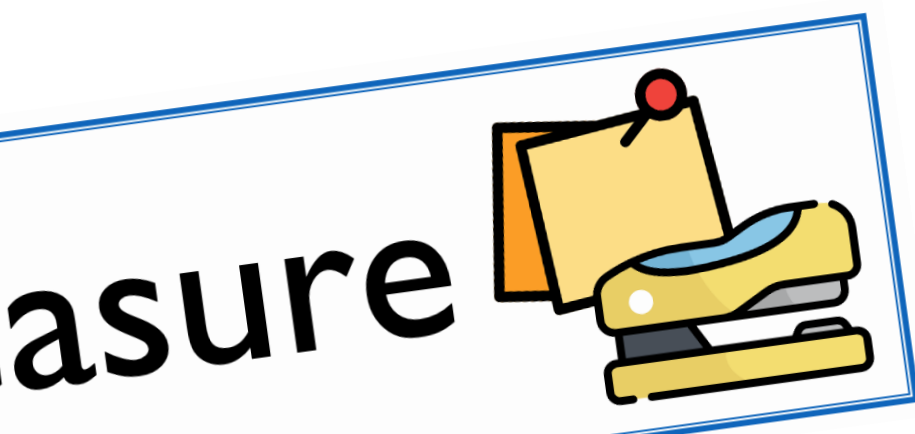
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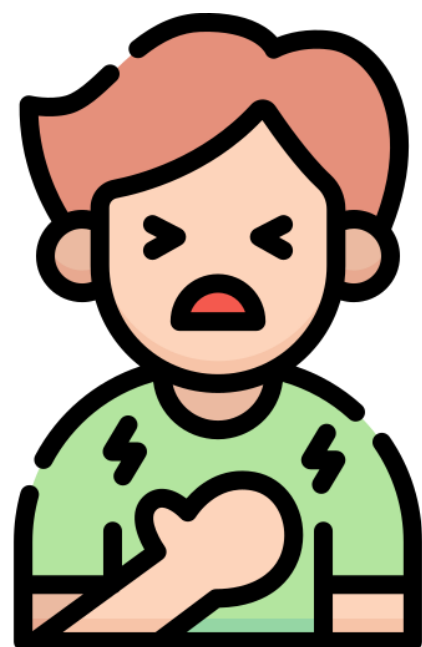
Display Slips

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pain

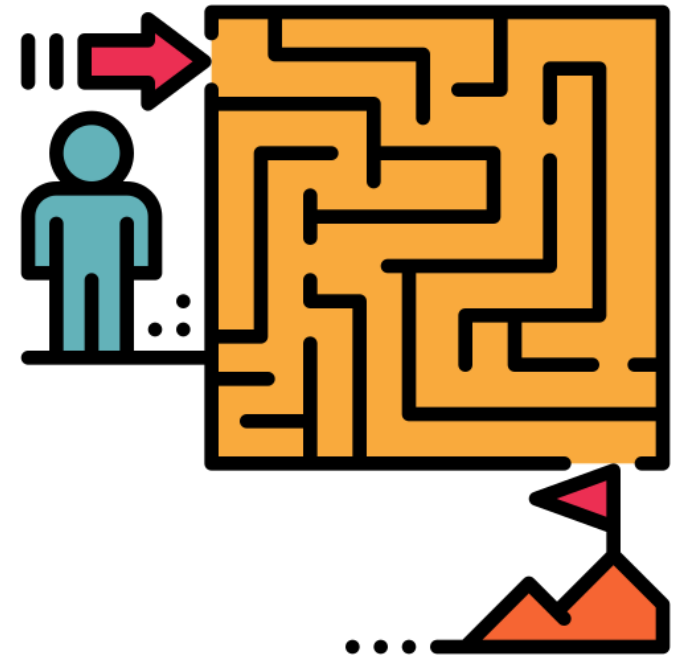


howl





maze

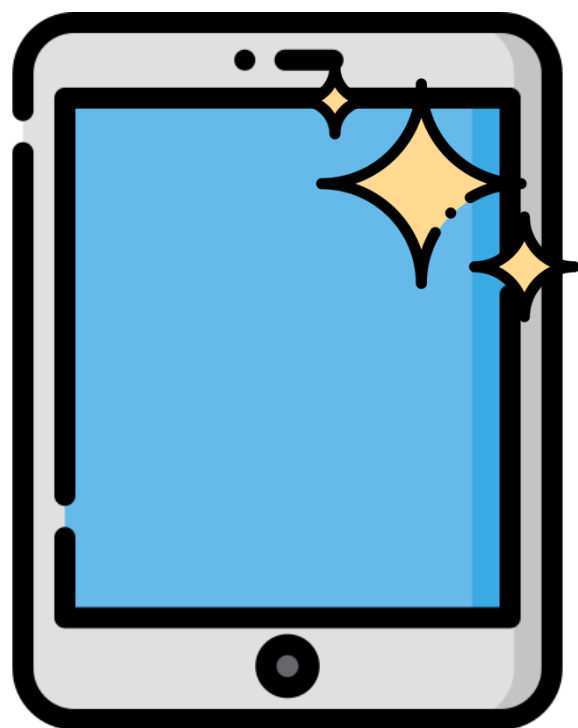
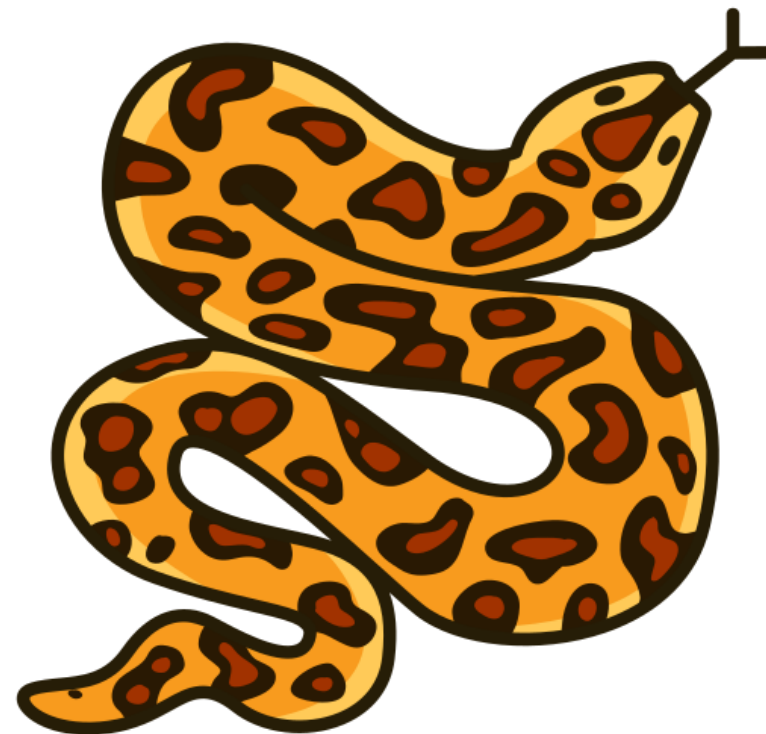


nutrient





slink

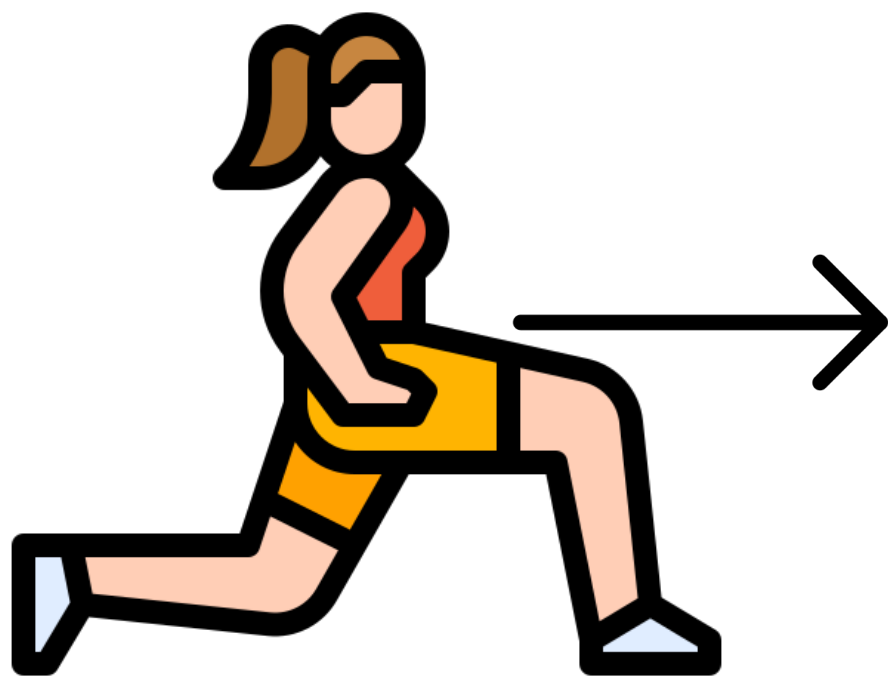


glint





expand



lunge





stark



malfunction

