

Word of the Day

Autumn Term 2026

Week 8 – 19th 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
glamorous

Link Word: disaster
bad

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

This Week's Words

Grasshopper

safe

lost

pilot

lead

steer

Shinobi

alter

deviate

grasp

intertwine

slash



VOCABULARY NINJA

Grasshopper (Tier 1)

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Shinobi (Tier 2)

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slash



VOCABULARY NINJA



Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

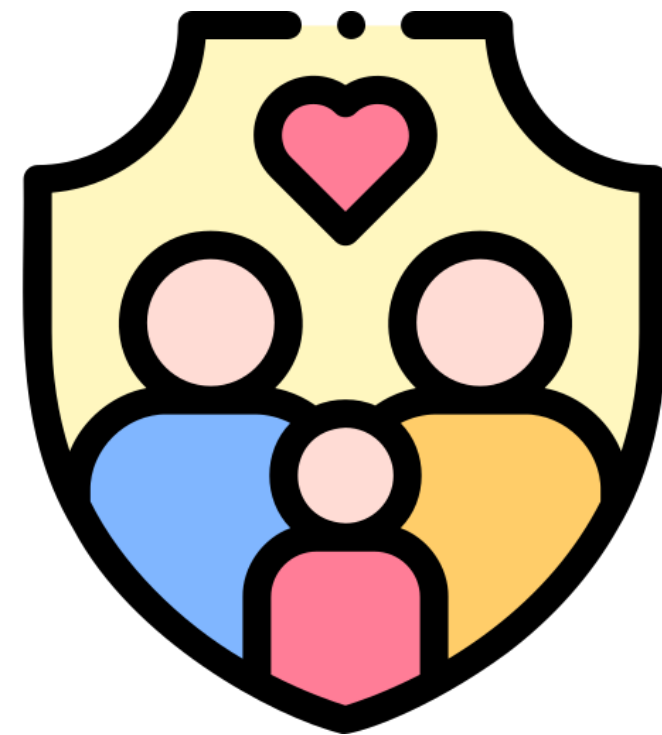
Pronunciation / Syllables

safe
(safe)

Word Class
(adjective)

Definition:

If a person or thing is safe from something, they cannot be harmed or damaged by it.



Lydia felt **safe** at home with Jemma and Paul.

Synonym:

secure
guarded

Antonym:

unsafe
at risk

Prefix / Suffix:

un-
-ly

Rhyme:

chafe

Link Word:

stay
feel



Grasshopper Word of the Day

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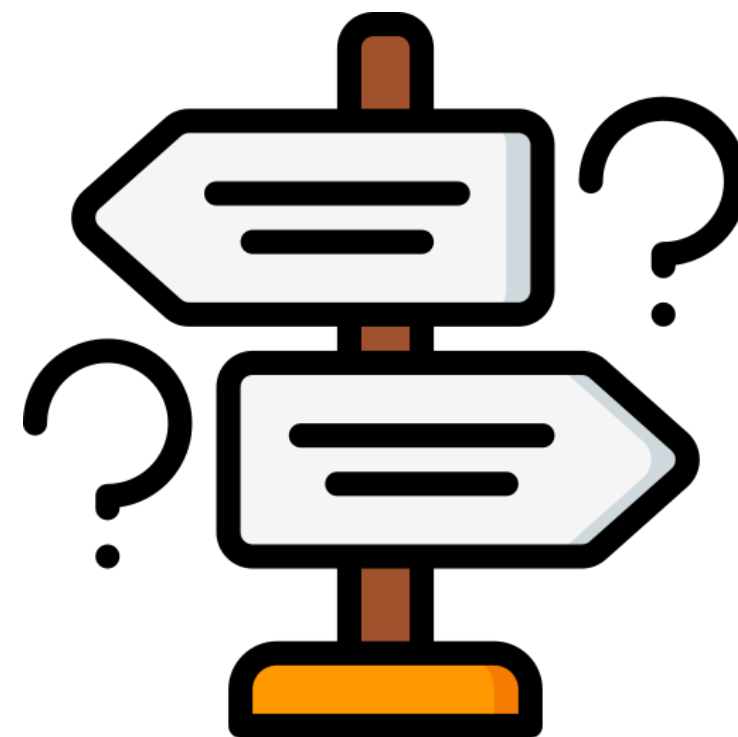
Pronunciation / Syllables

lost
(lost)

Word Class
(adjective)

Definition:

If you are lost or if you get lost, you do not know where you are or are unable to find your way.



Imogen became **lost** in the fair ground.

Synonym:

astray

disoriented

Antonym:

seen

found

Prefix / Suffix:

un-

-ly

Rhyme:

front

tossed

Link Word:

utterly

become



Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

Pronunciation / Syllables

pilot
(*pi-lot*)

Word Class
(verb / noun)

Definition:

If someone pilots an aircraft or ship, they act as its pilot.



Julian was **piloting** the aeroplane today.

Synonym:

aviator
navigator

Antonym:

Prefix / Suffix:

co-
-ing

Rhyme:

front
tossed

Link Word:

skilled
chief



Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

Pronunciation / Syllables

lead
(lead)

Word Class
(verb)

Definition:

If you lead a group of people, you walk or ride in front of them.



Miss Robinson was **leading** the way.

Synonym:

guide

show

Antonym:

follow

Prefix / Suffix:

mis-

-ing

Rhyme:

speed

feed

Link Word:

boldly

astray



Grasshopper Word of the Day

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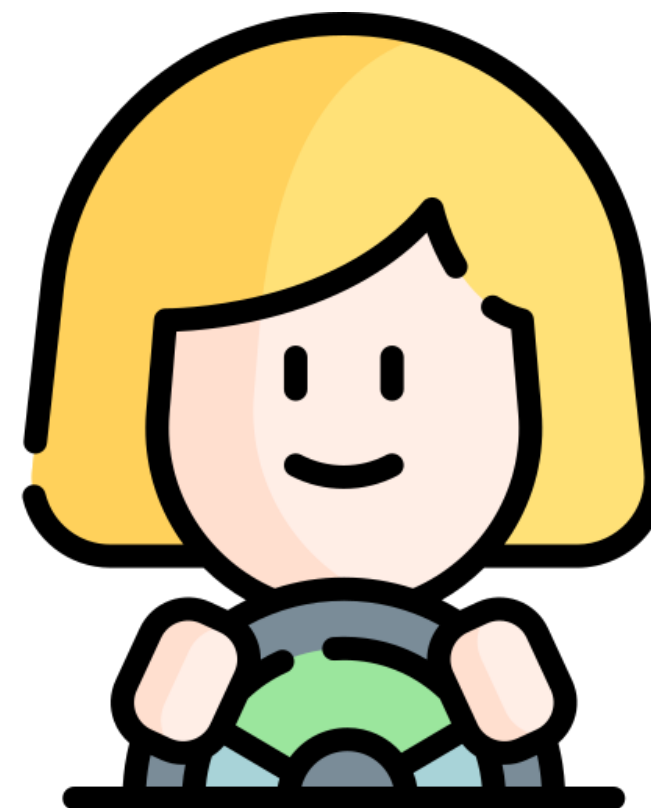
Pronunciation / Syllables

steer
(steer)

Word Class
(verb)

Definition:

When you steer a car, boat, or plane, you control it so that it goes in the direction that you want.



Miss Pearce **steered** the minibus around the streets.

Synonym:

drive
manoeuvre

Antonym:

Prefix / Suffix:

over-
-ing

Rhyme:

fear
clear

Link Word:

carefully
away



Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

Pronunciation / Syllables

alter
(*al-ter*)

Word Class
(verb)

Definition:

If something alters or if you alter it, it changes.



Mr Hindle **altered** the team formation.

Synonym:

change

adapt

Antonym:

preserve

remain

Prefix / Suffix:

-ation

-ing

Rhyme:

falter

halter

Link Word:

carefully

slightly



Shinobi Word of the Day

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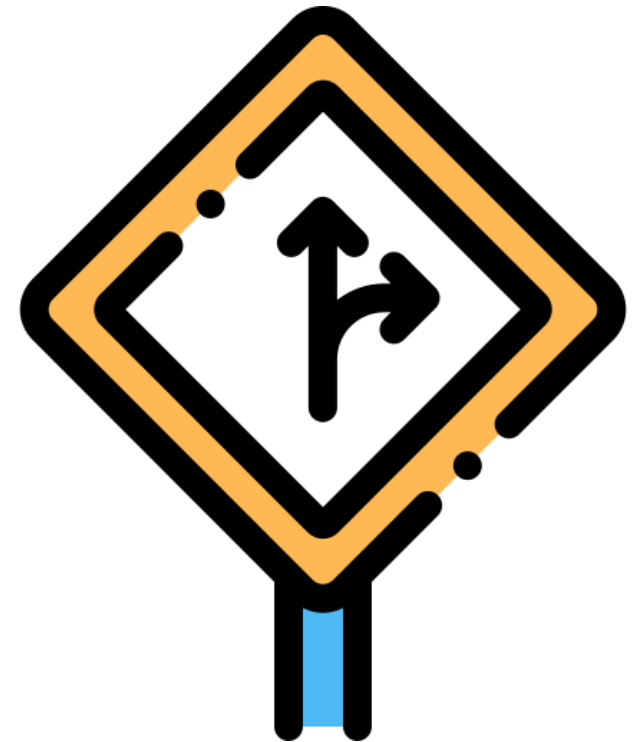
Pronunciation / Syllables

deviate
(de-vi-ate)

Word Class
(verb)

Definition:

To deviate from something means to start doing something different or not planned, especially in a way that causes problems for others.



George **deviated** from the plan and went on his own.

Synonym:

change

swerve

Antonym:

stay

agree

Prefix / Suffix:

-tion

-ing

Rhyme:

alleviate

abbreviate

Link Word:

plan

directions



Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

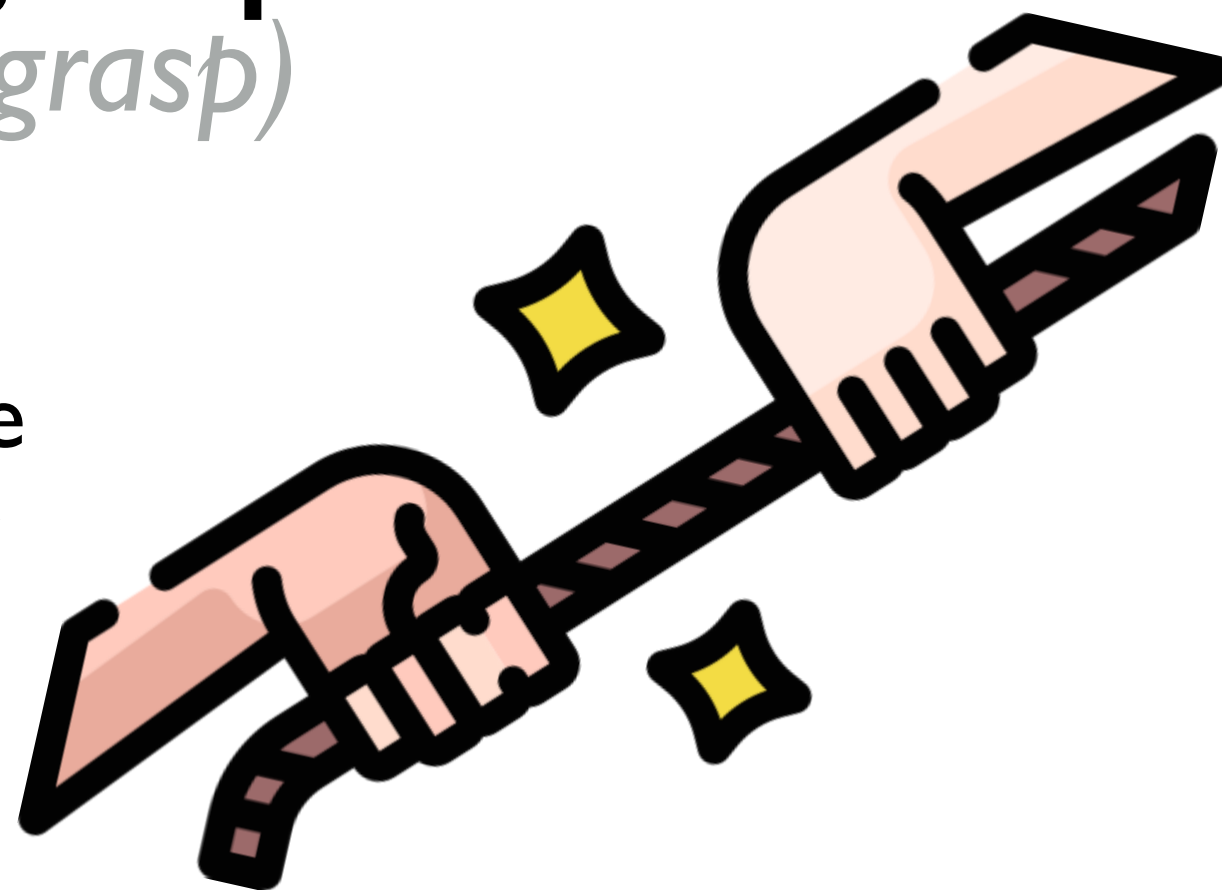
Pronunciation / Syllables

grasp
(grasp)

Word Class
(verb)

Definition:

If you grasp something, you take it in your hand and hold it very firmly.



All pupils **grasped** the rope tightly and pulled hard.

Synonym:

pounce

dive

Antonym:

release

Prefix / Suffix:

-ed

-ing

Rhyme:

clasp

rasp

Link Word:

loosen

tightly



Shinobi Word of the Day

Word Class

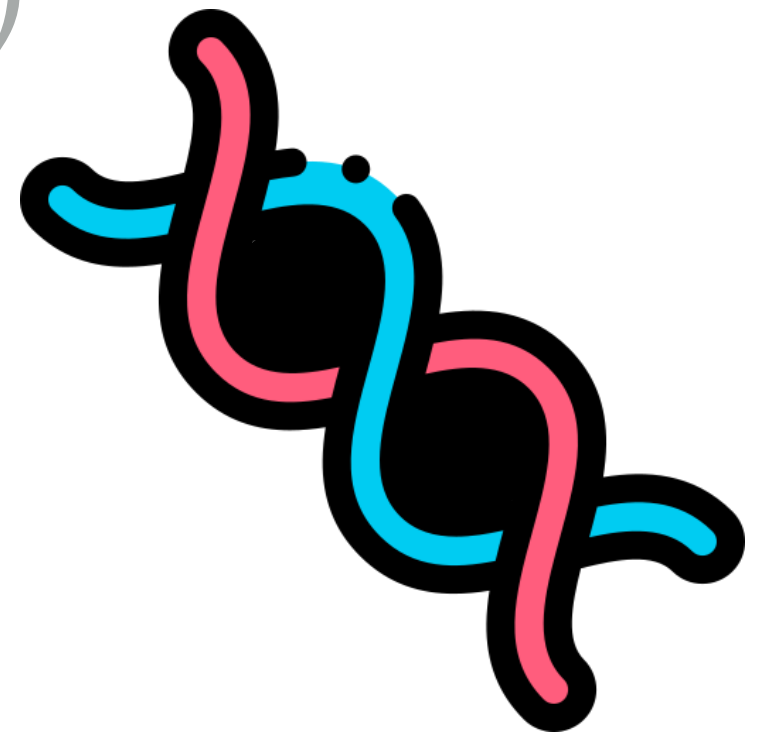
Word of the Day: **intertwine** (verb / adjective)

Pronunciation / Syllables

(*in-ter-twine*)

Definition:

If two or more things are intertwined or intertwine, they are closely connected with each other in many ways.



Our family traditions had become **intertwined**.

Synonym:

entwine

twist

Antonym:

untangle

untwist

Prefix / Suffix:

-ed

-ing

Rhyme:

design

combine

Link Word:

history

family



Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

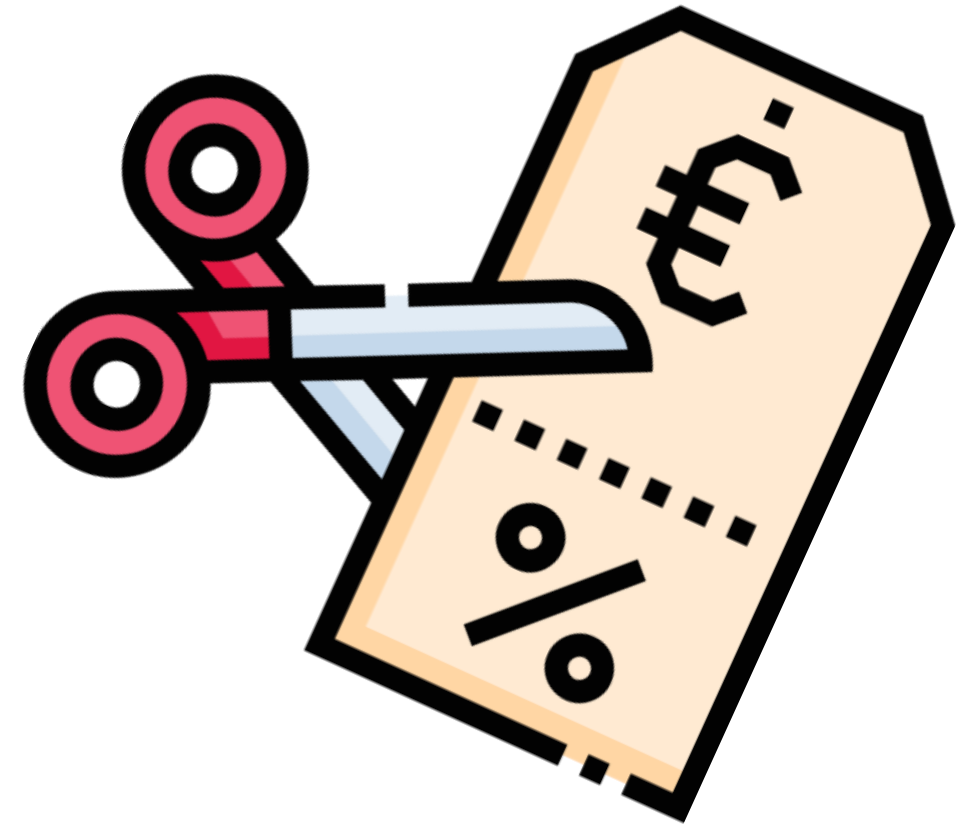
Pronunciation / Syllables

slash
(*slash*)

Word Class
(verb)

Definition:

To slash something such as costs or jobs means to reduce them by a large amount.



The prices in the shops had been **slashed**.

Synonym:

reduce

cut

Antonym:

raise

put up

Prefix / Suffix

-ed

-ing

Rhyme:

cash

flash

Link Word:

cost

price

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: safe

Word: lost

Word: lead

Word: steer



Vocabulary Visualiser

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



Word: alter

Word: deviate

Word: grasp

Word: intertwine



Matching Meanings

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

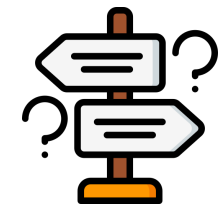


Grasshopper Word

Grasshopper Definitions

safe

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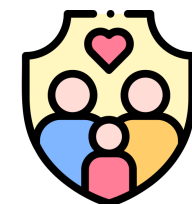
pilot

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lead

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steer

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Matching Meanings

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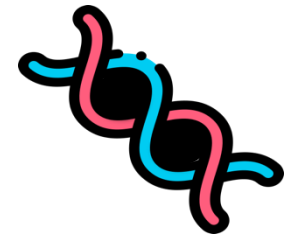


Shinobi Word

Shinobi Definitions

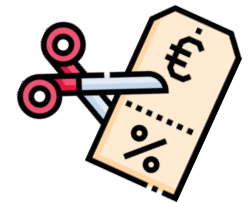
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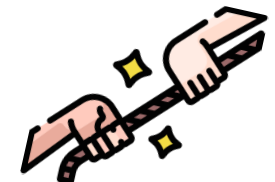
grasp

To *** from something means to start doing something different or not planned, especially in a way that causes problems for others.



intertwine

If you *** something, you take it in your hand and hold it very firmly.



slash

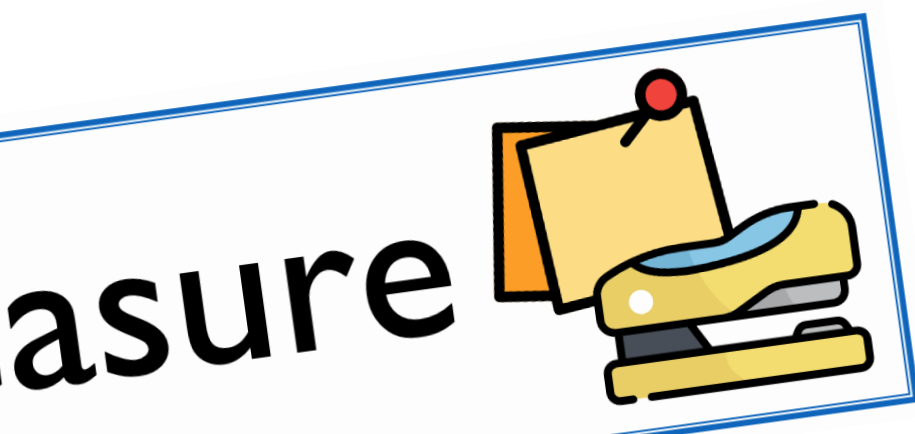
If something *** or if you alter it, it changes.





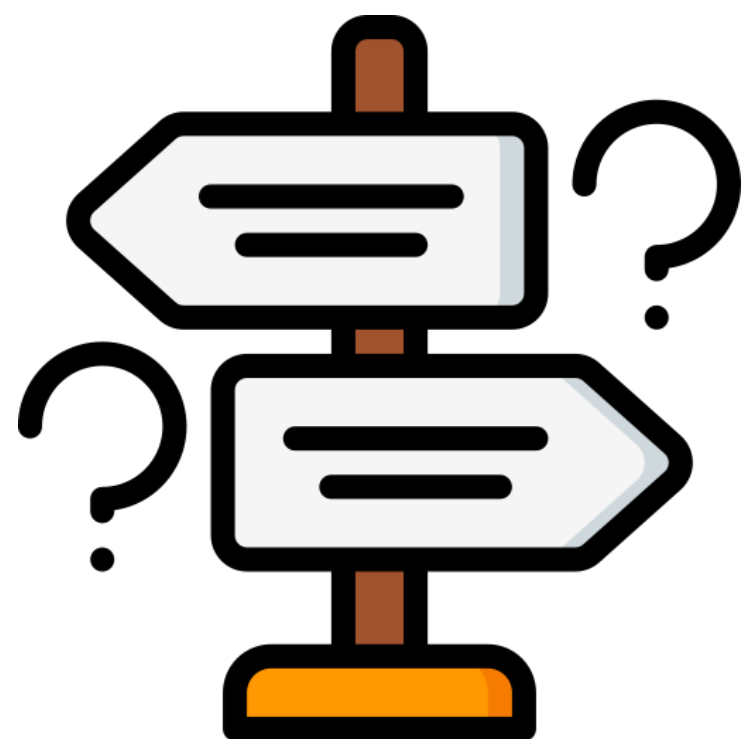
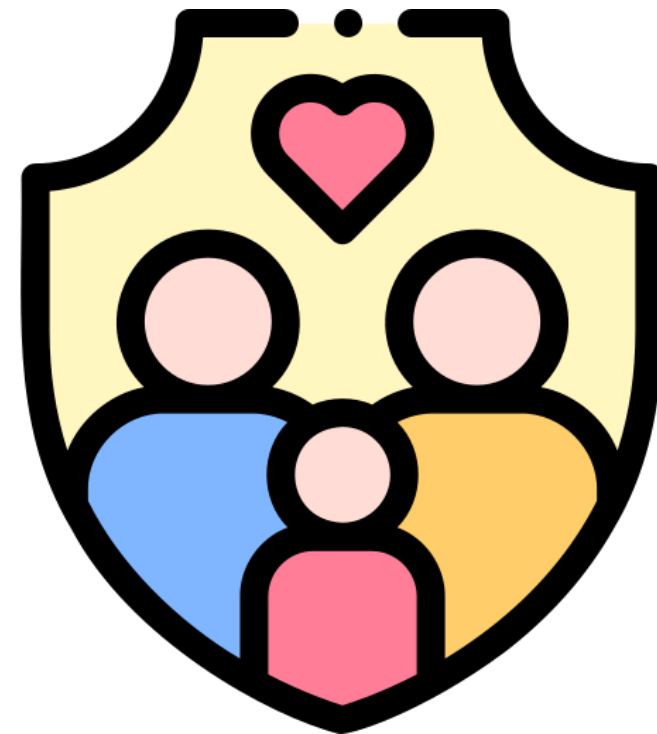
Display Slips

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.





safe



lost





pilot



lead





steer

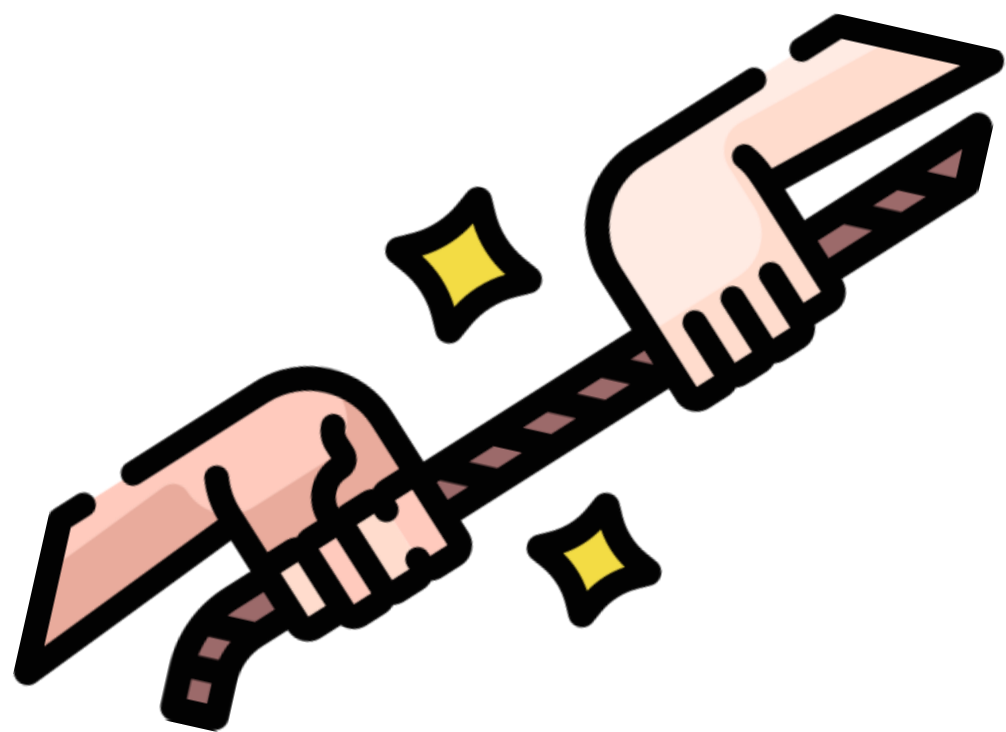


alter





deviate

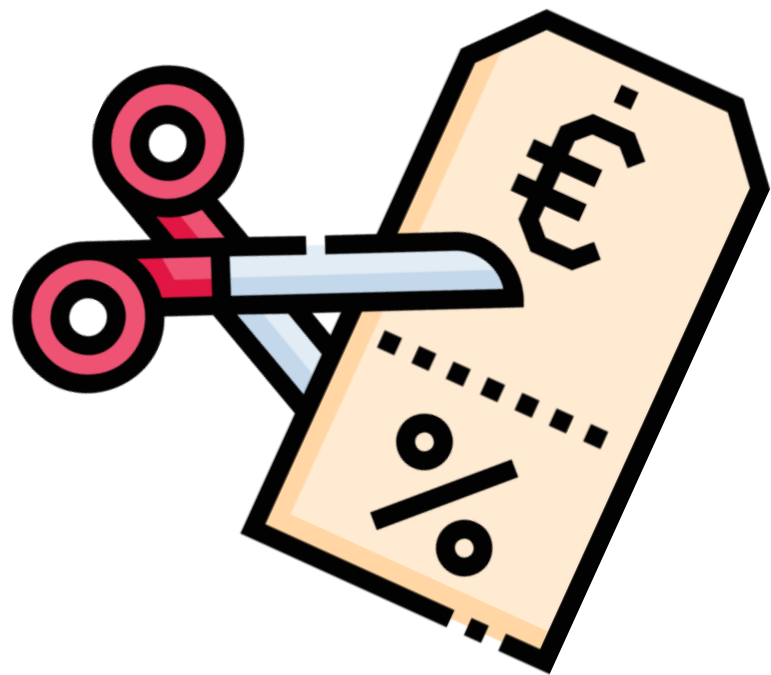
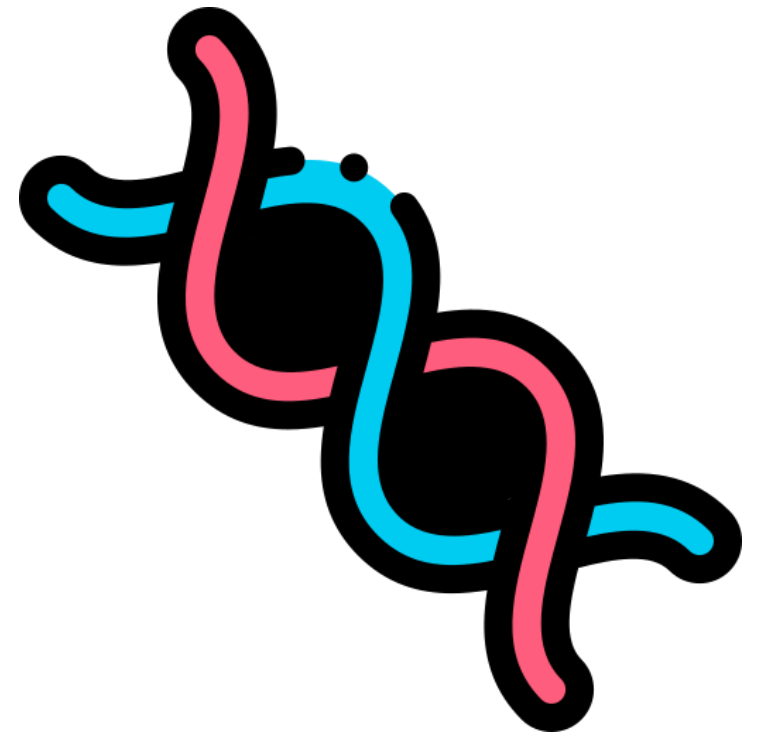


grasp





intertwine



slash

