

Word of the Day

Autumn Term 2026

Week 9 – 2nd November



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

entertain

colourful

mail

jolly

careful

Shinobi

composed

battered

coarse

endless

meddlesome



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VOCABULARY NINJA



Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day: **entertain**

Word Class
(verb)

Pronunciation / Syllables

(en-ter-tain)

Definition:

If a performer, performance, or activity entertains you, it amuses you, interests you, or gives you pleasure.



Miss Taylor **entertained** the children with a story.

Synonym:

amuse

charm

Antonym:

bore

Rhyme:

again

brain

Link Word:

story

me



Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

colourful
(col-our-ful)

Word Class
(adjective)

Pronunciation / Syllables

Definition:

Something that is colourful has bright colours or a lot of different colours.



The children's jacket designs were very **colourful**.

Synonym:

vibrant

rich

Antonym:

colourless

Rhyme:

Link Word:

picture

clothing



Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

Pronunciation / Syllables

mail
(*mail*)

Word Class
(noun / verb)

Definition:

You can refer to letters
and parcels that are
delivered to you as mail.



Constance was excited to check the **mail** on her birthday.

Synonym:

letter

package

Antonym:

Rhyme:

rail

sail

Link Word:

deliver

post



Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

Pronunciation / Syllables

jolly
(jol-ly)

Word Class
(adjective)

Definition:

Someone who is jolly is happy and cheerful in their appearance or behaviour.



Mr Donaldson was always very jolly.

Synonym:

cheerful

merry

Antonym:

miserable

gloomy

Rhyme:

folly

dolly

Link Word:

caretaker

person



Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

Pronunciation / Syllables

careful
(care-ful)

Word Class
(adjective)

Definition:

If you are careful, you give serious attention to what you are doing, in order to avoid harm, damage, or mistakes. If you are careful to do something, you make sure that you do it.



Always be **careful** when crossing the road.

Synonym:

alert

cautious

Antonym:

careless

Rhyme:

prayerful

Link Word:

be

always



Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day: **composed**

Word Class
(adjective)

Pronunciation / Syllables

(com-posed)

Definition:

If someone is composed, they are calm and able to control their feelings.



Gemma remained **composed** during her presentation.

Synonym:

calm

collected

Antonym:

excited

Prefix / Suffix:

de-

Rhyme:

closed

enclosed

Link Word:

person

mindset



Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

battered
(bat-tered)

Word Class
(adjective)

Pronunciation / Syllables

Definition:

Something that is battered is old and in poor condition because it has been used a lot.



The house looked **battered** and old.

Synonym:

damaged

shabby

Antonym:

Prefix / Suffix:

Rhyme:

scattered

shattered

Link Word:

house

box



Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

Pronunciation / Syllables

coarse
(coarse)

Word Class
(adjective)

Definition:

Coarse things have a rough texture because they consist of thick threads or large pieces.



The new school jumpers felt **coarse** and uncomfortable.

Synonym:

rough

bristly

Antonym:

soft

Prefix / Suffix:

-ness

-er

Rhyme:

force

horse

Link Word:

material

fabric



Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

endless
(end-less)

Word Class
(adjective)

Pronunciation / Syllables

Definition:

If you say that something is endless, you mean that it is very large or lasts for a very long time, and it seems as if it will never stop.



Mrs Day's pile of marking was **endless**.

Synonym:

countless

untold

Antonym:

few

Prefix / Suffix:

-ly

-ness

Rhyme:

friendless

Link Word:

work

jobs



Shinobi Word of the Day

Word Class

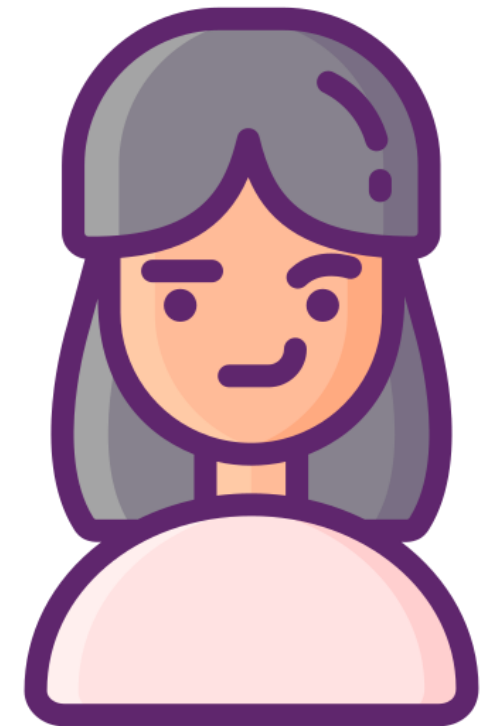
Word of the Day: **meddlesome** (adjective)

Pronunciation / Syllables

(*med-dle-some*)

Definition:

If you describe a person as meddlesome, you are criticising them because they try to influence or change things that do not concern them.



Julia was known for being **meddlesome** in lessons.

Synonym:

meddling

intrusive

Antonym:

Prefix / Suffix

-ness

Rhyme:

Link Word:

person

attitude

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: entertain

Word: mail

Word: jolly

Word: careful



Vocabulary Visualiser

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words and bring
them to life.



Word: composed

Word: battered

Word: endless

Word: meddlesome



Matching Meanings

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Grasshopper Word

Grasshopper Definitions

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Matching Meanings

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Shinobi Word

Shinobi Definitions

composed

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battered

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coarse

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endless

If someone is ***, they are calm and able to control their feelings.



meddlesome

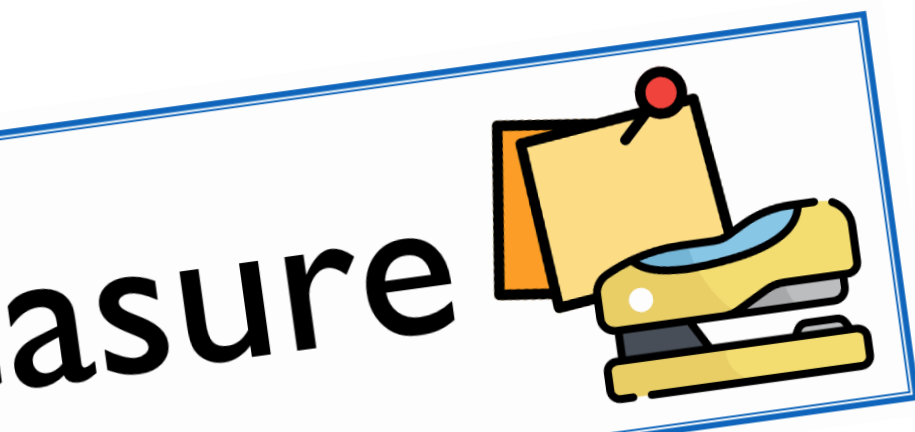
If you say that something is ***, you mean that it is very large or lasts for a very long time, and it seems as if it will never stop.





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.





entertain



colourful





mail



jolly





careful



composed





battered

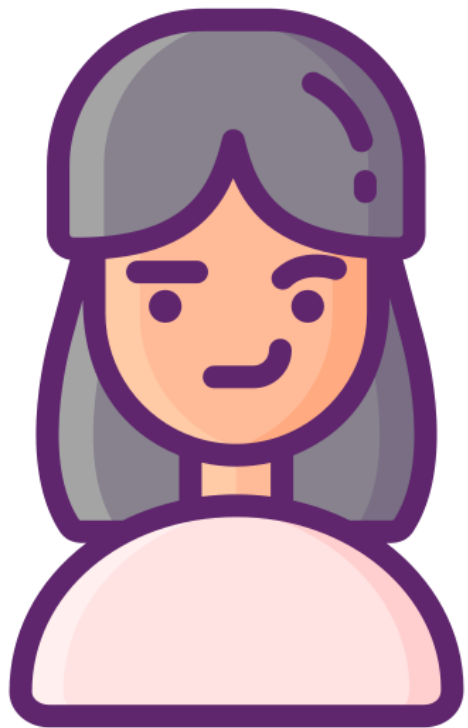


coarse





endless



meddlesome

