Word of the Day

Autumn Term 2026

Week 10 – 9th November





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

This Week's Words

Grasshopper

tall

dip

memory

gap

sting

Shinobi

possess

rumour

instinct

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anonymous

VOCABULARY NINJA

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Grasshopper Word of the Day

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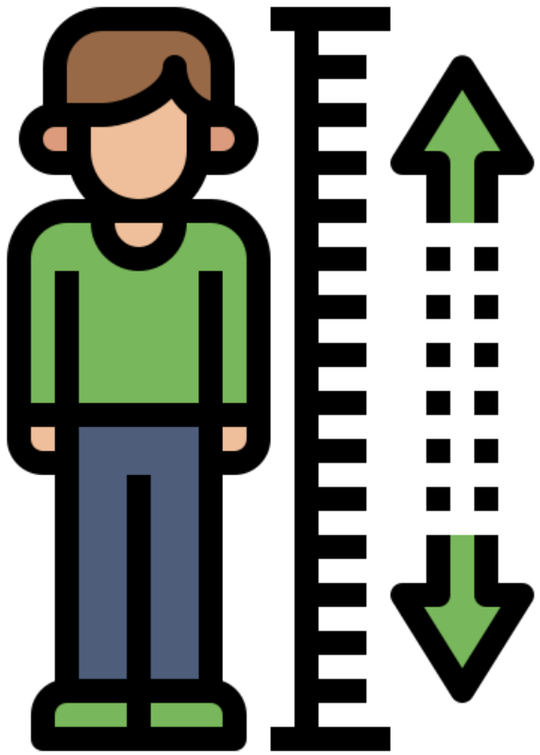
tall

(tall)

Pronunciation / Syllables

Word Class

(adjective)



Definition:

Someone or something that is tall has a greater height than is normal or average.

Mr Summersby was very **tall**.

Synonym:	Antonym:	Prefix / Suffix:	Rhyme:	Link Word:
big	wide	-er	call	exceedingly
high	small	-est	fall	stand

Grasshopper Word of the Day

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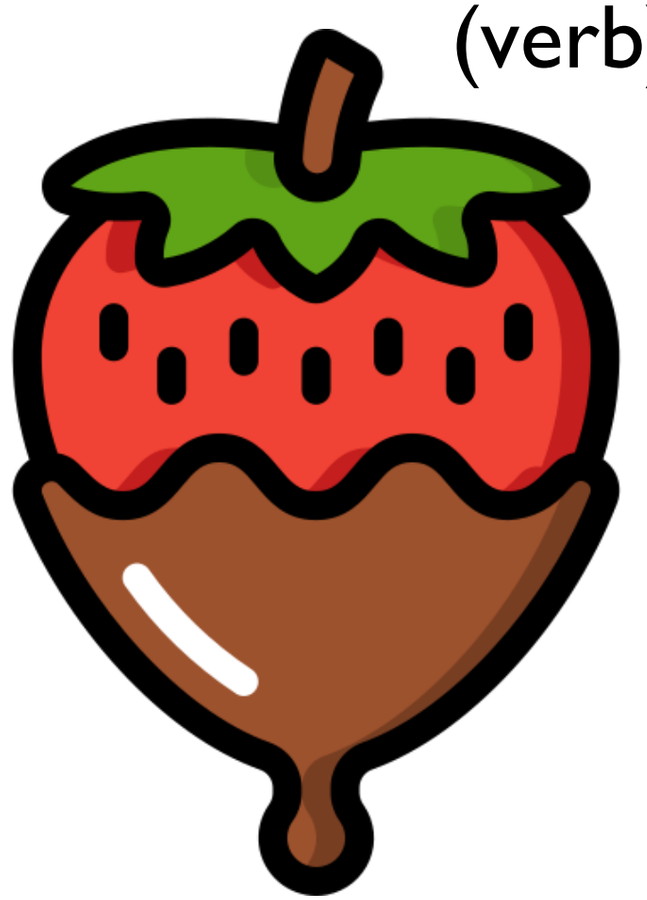
dip

(dip)

Pronunciation / Syllables

Word Class

(verb)



Definition:

If you dip something in a liquid, you put it into the liquid for a short time, so that only part of it is covered, and take it out again.

Mrs Ball loved **dipping** strawberries in chocolate.

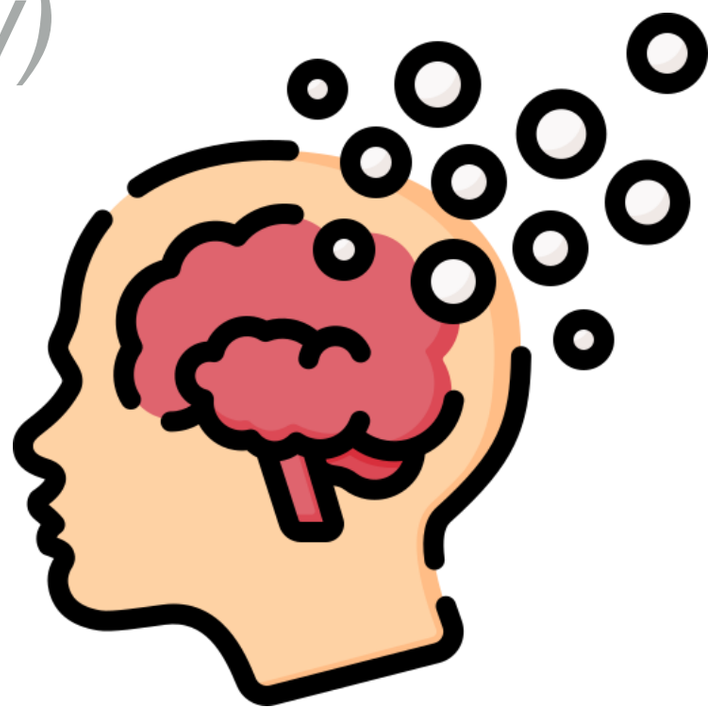
Synonym:	Antonym:	Prefix / Suffix:	Rhyme:	Link Word:
plunge	remove	-ed	pip	gently
dunk	ascend	-ing	sip	quick

Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day: memory

Word Class
(noun)

Pronunciation / Syllables
(mem-o-ry)



Definition:

A memory is something that you remember from the past.

My **memory** of the beach will last forever.

Synonym:	Antonym:	Prefix / Suffix:	Rhyme:	Link Word:
thought	forgetfulness	-able	plenary	vivid
recollection	ignorance	-iial	documentary	fond

Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

gap

(gap)

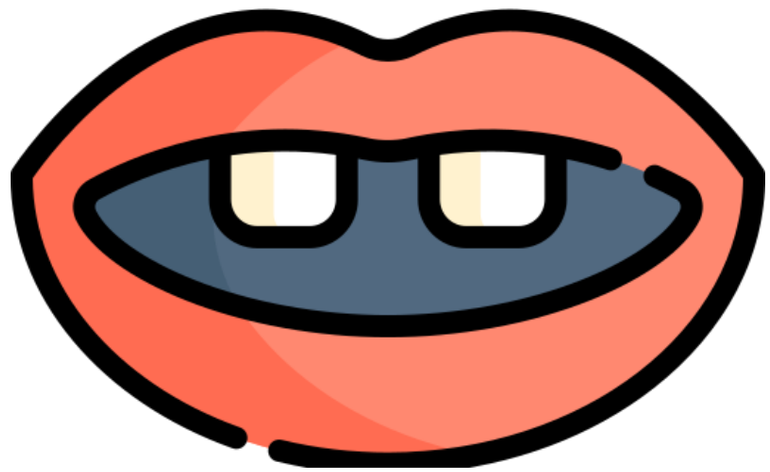
Pronunciation / Syllables

Word Class

(noun)

Definition:

A gap is a space between two things or a hole in the middle of something solid.



I visited the dentist about the **gap** between my teeth.

Synonym:	Antonym:	Prefix / Suffix:	Rhyme:	Link Word:
opening	close	stop-	lap	narrow
crack	solid	-less	map	significant

Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day: sting

Word Class
(verb / noun)

Pronunciation / Syllables
(sting)

Definition:

If a plant, animal, or insect stings you, a sharp part of it, usually covered with poison, is pushed into your skin so that you feel a sharp pain.



The wasp **sting** wasn't very nice.

Synonym:	Antonym:	Prefix / Suffix:	Rhyme:	Link Word:
nip	aid	-ing	ring	sharp
wound	heal	-er	bring	remove

Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day: possess

Word Class
(verb)

Pronunciation / Syllables
(pos-sess)



Definition:

If you possess something, you have it or own it.

Amelia **possessed** a real talent for singing.

Synonym:	Antonym:	Prefix / Suffix:	Rhyme:	Link Word:
enjoy	lose	re-	press	fully
own	release	-ion	success	rightfully

Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day: rumour

Word Class
(noun)

Pronunciation / Syllables
(ru-mour)



Definition:

A rumour is a story or piece of information that may or may not be true, but that people are talking about.

It was **rumoured** that Miss Hanson had won the lottery.

Synonym:	Antonym:	Prefix / Suffix:	Rhyme:	Link Word:
gossip	fact	-ed	humour	rife
talk		-s	consumer	growing

Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day: instinct

Word Class
(noun)

Pronunciation / Syllables
(in-stinct)



Definition:

Instinct is a feeling that you have that something is the case, rather than an opinion or idea based on facts.

Jenny's **instincts** told her that she would be picked next.

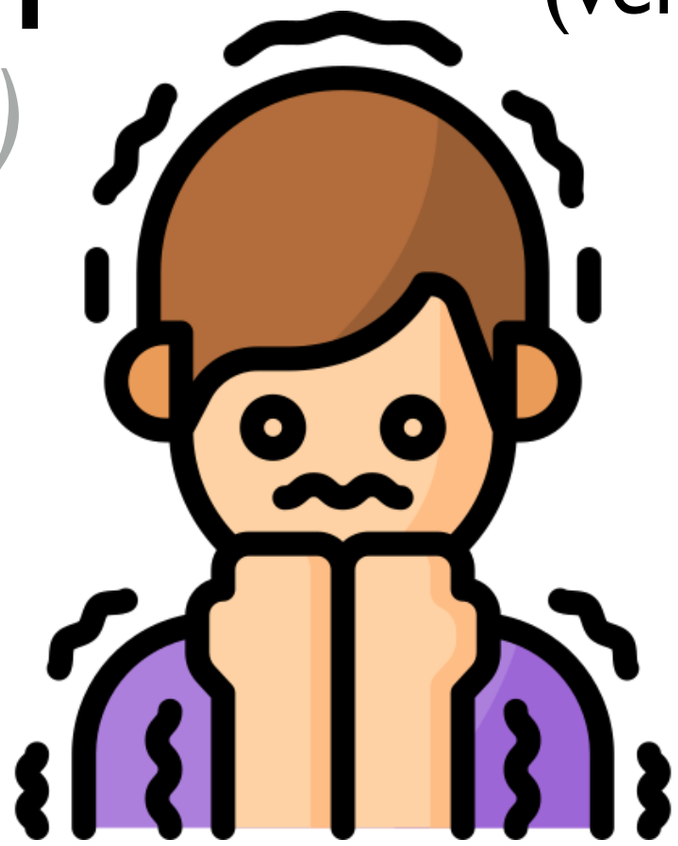
Synonym:	Antonym:	Prefix / Suffix:	Rhyme:	Link Word:
sense		-ive		keen
inclination		-ively		natural

Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day: etch

Word Class
(verb)

Pronunciation / Syllables
(etch)



Definition:

If you say that feelings are etched on someone's face, you mean that the person is very strongly affected by them, and you can see this in their appearance.

Fear was **etched** all over her face at the top of the zip wire.

Synonym:	Antonym:	Prefix / Suffix:	Rhyme:	Link Word:
engrave	build	-ed	fetch	deeply
carve	confuse	-ing	sketch	finely

Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day: anonymous

Word Class
(adjective)

Pronunciation / Syllables *(a-non-y-mous)*



Definition:

If you remain anonymous when you do something, you do not let people know that you were the person who did it.

The artist wanted to remain **anonymous**.

Synonym:	Antonym:	Prefix / Suffix	Rhyme:	Link Word:
nameless	known	-ly	synonymous	strictly
unknown	signed			largely

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)
Rhymes: (words that sound the same)	**Link Words:** (Example: football = pitch, team, player)

Draw your sentence:

Vocabulary Visualiser

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



Word: tall	Word: dip
Word: gap	**Word: sting**

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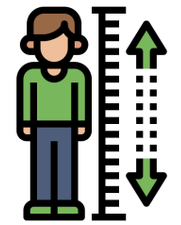


Word: possess	Word: rumour
Word: etch	**Word: anonymous**

Matching Meanings

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



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gap	If you *** something in a liquid, you put it into the liquid for a short time, so that only part of it is covered, and take it out again.	
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Draw lines from the **Shinobi** words to their definitions.



Shinobi Word	Shinobi Definitions	
possess	If you remain *** when you do something, you do not let people know that you were the person who did it.	
rumour	A *** is a story or piece of information that may or may not be true, but that people are talking about.	
instinct	If you say that feelings are *** on someone's face, you mean that the person is very strongly affected by them, and you can see this in their appearance.	
etch	If you *** something, you have it or own it.	
anonymous	*** is a feeling that you have that something is the case, rather than an opinion or idea based on facts.	

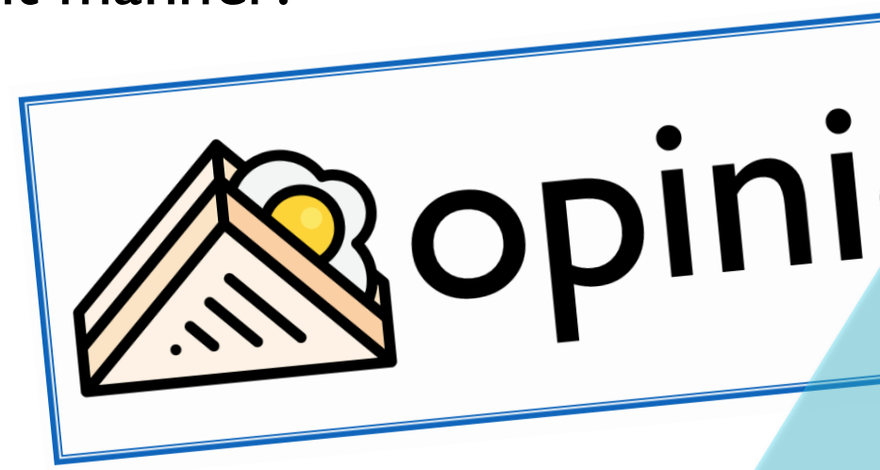




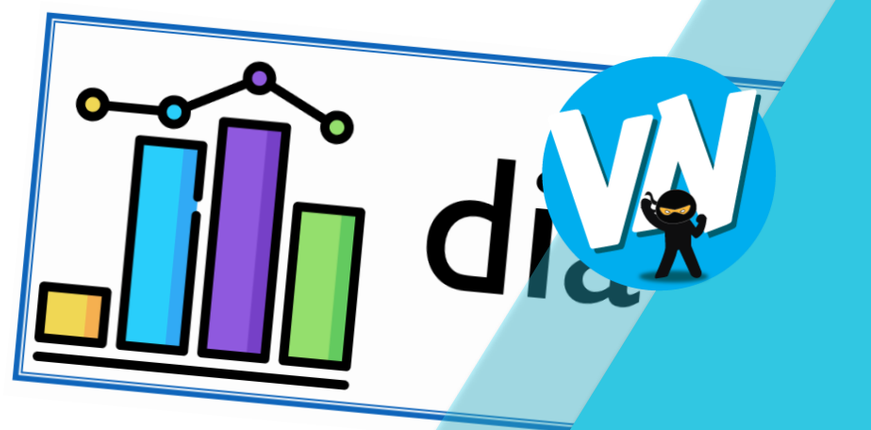
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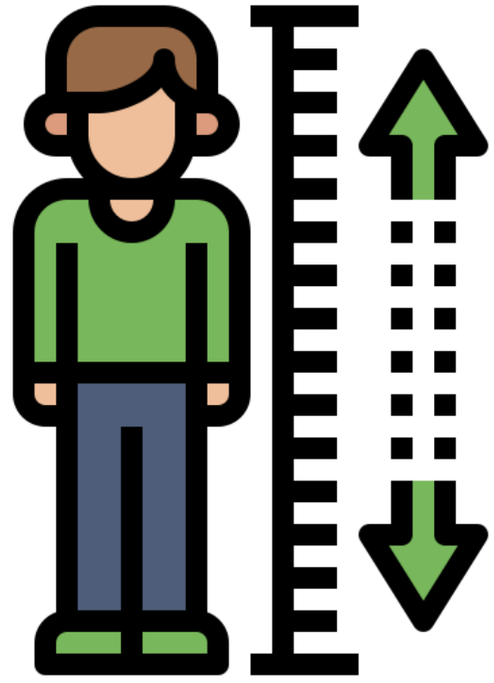








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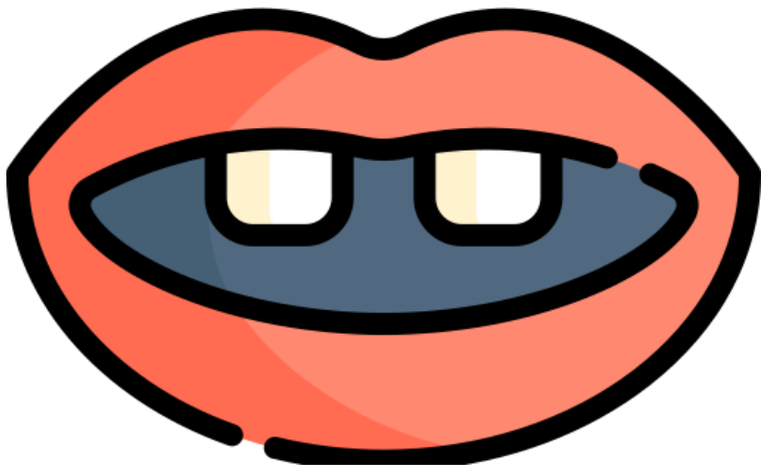




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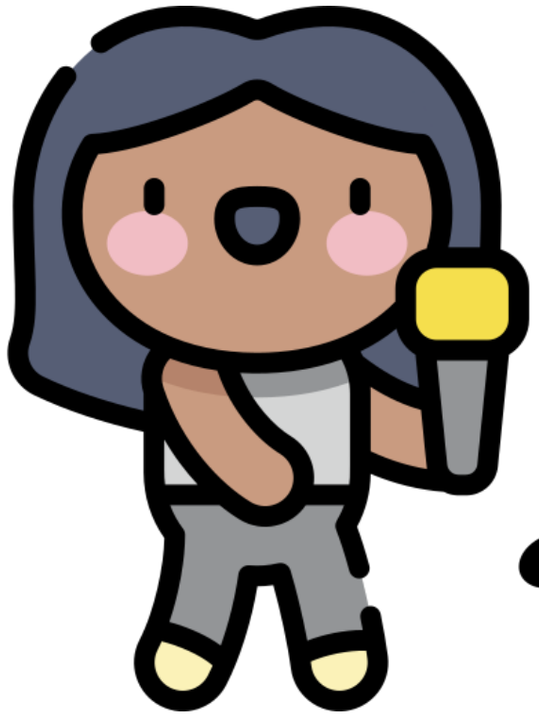




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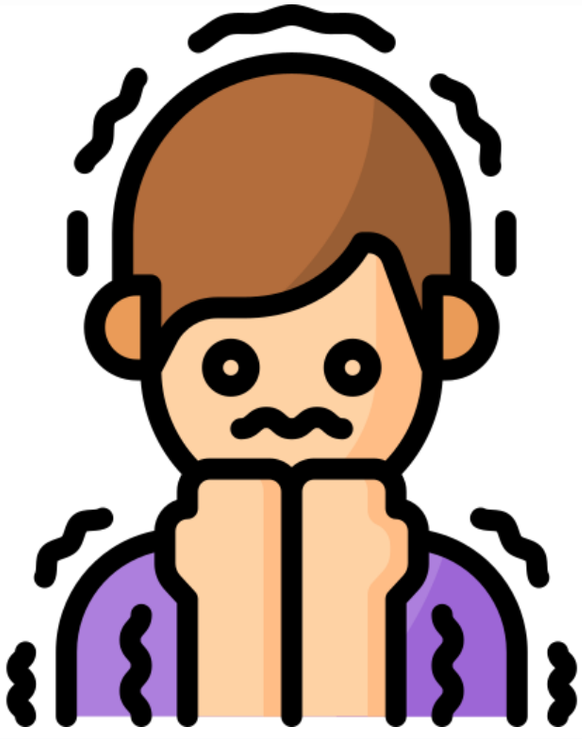
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