Word of the Day

Autumn Term 2026

Week 12 – 23rd November 2026





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

This Week's Words

Grasshopper

tie

position

win

tackle

lose

Shinobi

strategy

punish

remedy

master

squeamish

VOCABULARY NINJA

Grasshopper (Tier 1)

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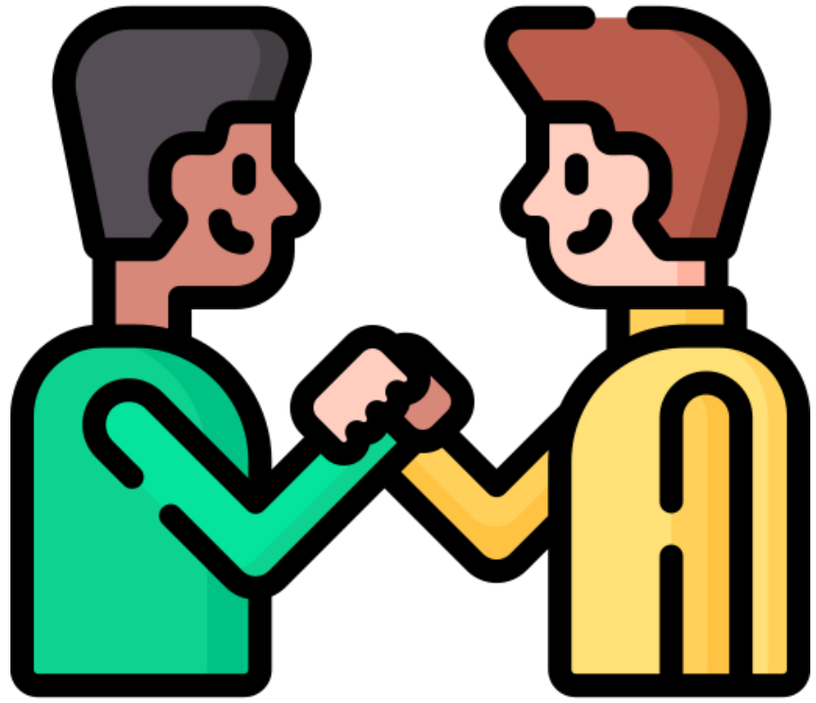
Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day: tie

Pronunciation / Syllables *(tie)*

Word Class
(noun / verb)



Definition:

If two people tie in a competition or game or if they tie with each other, they have the same number of points or the same degree of success.

The game ended in a **tie**.

Synonym:	Antonym:	Rhyme:	Link Word:
draw		cry	game
deadlock		fly	result

Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day: position

Word Class
(noun)

Pronunciation / Syllables
(po-si-tion)

Definition:

The position of someone or something is the place where they are in relation to other things.



Jim's **position** was in defence.

Synonym:	Antonym:	Rhyme:	Link Word:
location		tradition	pitch
place		condition	team

Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day: win

Pronunciation / Syllables *(win)*

Word Class
(verb / noun)



Definition:

If you win something such as a competition, battle, or argument, you defeat those people you are competing or fighting against, or you do better than everyone else involved.

The children celebrated the **win**.

Synonym:	Antonym:	Rhyme:	Link Word:
victory	lose	pin	game
success		grin	competition

Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day: tackle

Word Class
(verb / noun)

Pronunciation / Syllables
(tack-le)

Definition:

If you tackle someone in a game such as hockey or football, you try to take the ball away from them.



Alex ran to the ball to **tackle** the other player.

Synonym:	Antonym:	Rhyme:	Link Word:
challenge		crackle	player
		shackle	opposition

Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day: lose

Word Class
(verb)

Pronunciation / Syllables
(lose)

Definition:

If you lose a contest, a fight, or an argument, you do not succeed because someone does better than you and defeats you.



We did our best not to **lose**.

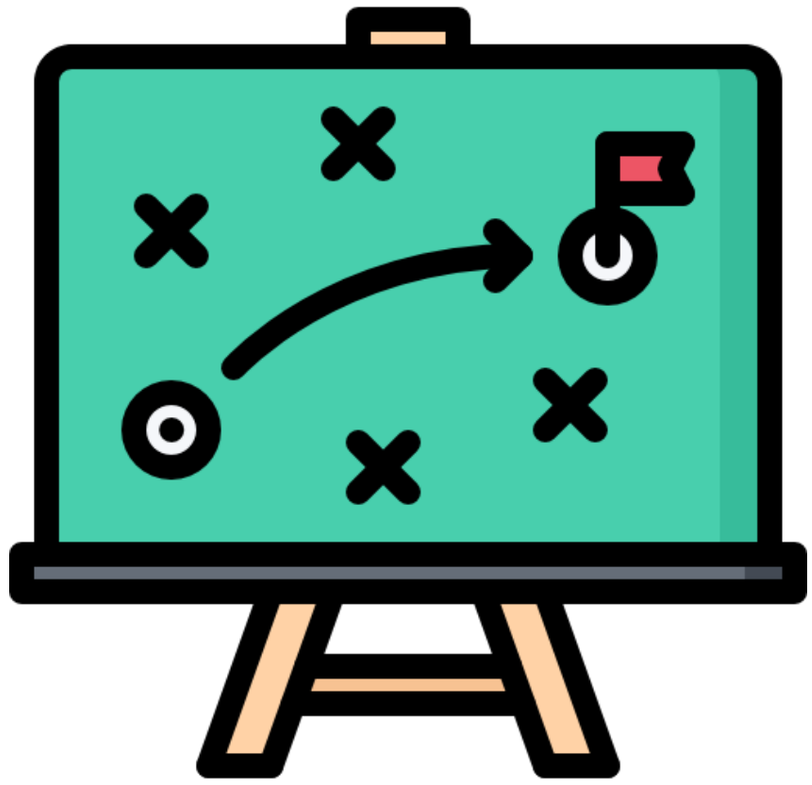
Synonym:	Antonym:	Rhyme:	Link Word:
fail	win	news	game
		shoes	battle

Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day: strategy

Word Class
(noun)

Pronunciation / Syllables
(strat-e-gy)



Definition:

A strategy is a general plan or set of plans intended to achieve something, especially over a long period.

The team had a clear **strategy** to score goals.

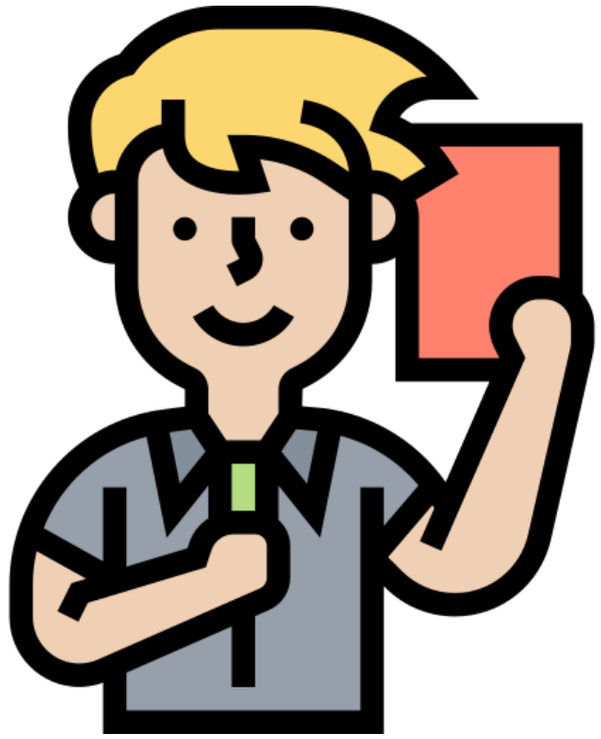
Synonym:	Antonym:	Prefix / Suffix:	Rhyme:	Link Word:
scheme		-ies	battery	team
approach		-ise		player

Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day: punish

Word Class
(verb)

Pronunciation / Syllables
(pun-ish)



Definition:

To punish someone means to make them suffer in some way because they have done something wrong.

The bad tackle was **punished** with a red card.

Synonym:	Antonym:	Prefix / Suffix:	Rhyme:	Link Word:
penalise	pardon	-ment		player
discipline	reward	-able		crime

Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day: remedy

Word Class
(noun / verb)

Pronunciation / Syllables
(rem-e-dy)



Definition:

A remedy is a successful way of dealing with a problem.

The manager hoped the substitute would be the **remedy**.

Synonym:	Antonym:	Prefix / Suffix:	Rhyme:	Link Word:
solution	problem	-ing		problem
answer				potion

Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day: master

Word Class
(noun / verb)

Pronunciation / Syllables
(mas-ter)

Definition:

If you say that someone is a master of a particular activity, you mean that they are extremely skilled at it.



Roland was the **master** of a football.

Synonym:	Antonym:	Prefix / Suffix:	Rhyme:	Link Word:
expert	amateur	-piece	faster	skill
genius	novice	-ful	disaster	tool

Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day: squeamish

Word Class
(adjective)

Pronunciation / Syllables
(squeam-ish)

Definition:

If you are squeamish, you are easily upset by unpleasant sights or situations.



Paulo was **squeamish**, so didn't look at the injury.

Synonym:	Antonym:	Prefix / Suffix	Rhyme:	Link Word:
nervous		-ness		feeling
sickened		-ly		person

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: tie	Word: position
Word: win	**Word:** tackle

Vocabulary Visualiser

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



Word: strategy	Word: remedy
Word: master	**Word: squeamish**

Matching Meanings

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

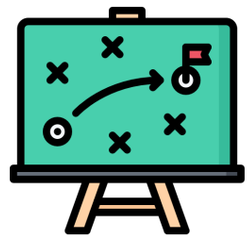


Grasshopper Word	Grasshopper Definitions	
tie	If you win something such as a competition, battle, or argument, you defeat those people you are competing or fighting against, or you do better than everyone else involved.	
position	If you lose a contest, a fight, or an argument, you do not succeed because someone does better than you and defeats you.	
win	If two people tie in a competition or game or if they tie with each other, they have the same number of points or the same degree of success.	
tackle	If you tackle someone in a game such as hockey or football, you try to take the ball away from them.	
lose	The position of someone or something is the place where they are in relation to other things.	

Matching Meanings

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



Shinobi Word	Shinobi Definitions	
strategy	To punish someone means to make them suffer in some way because they have done something wrong.	
punish	A remedy is a successful way of dealing with a problem.	
remedy	If you are squeamish, you are easily upset by unpleasant sights or situations.	
master	A strategy is a general plan or set of plans intended to achieve something, especially over a long period.	
squeamish	If you say that someone is a master of a particular activity, you mean that they are extremely skilled at it.	





Display Slips

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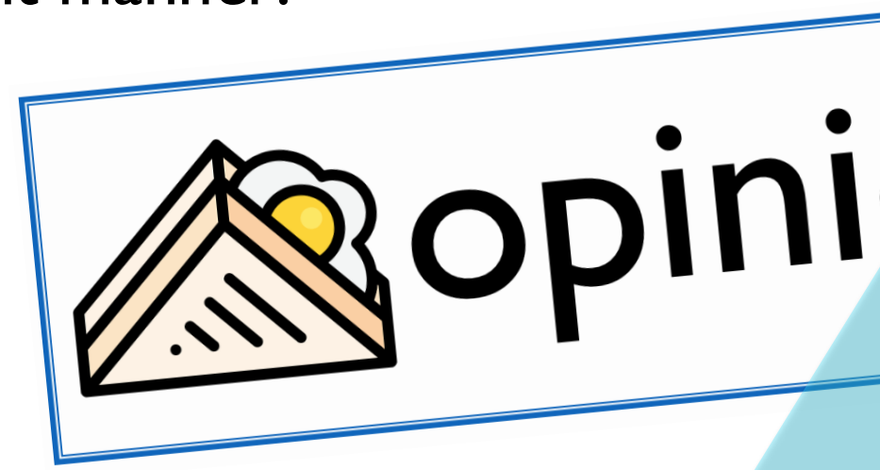



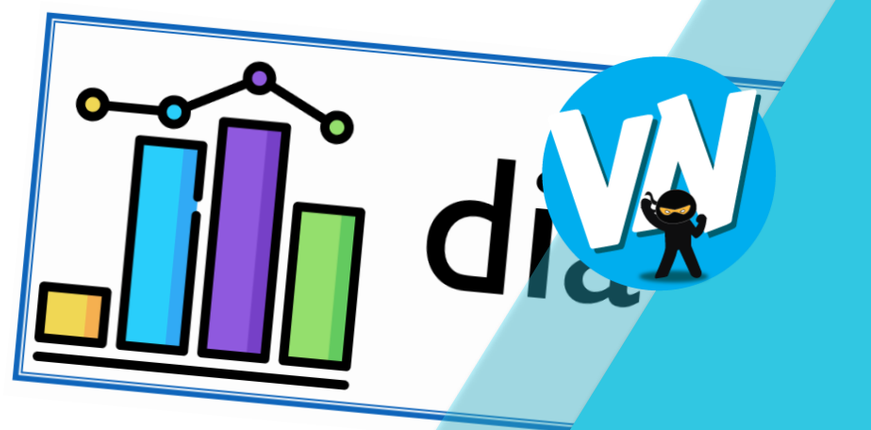

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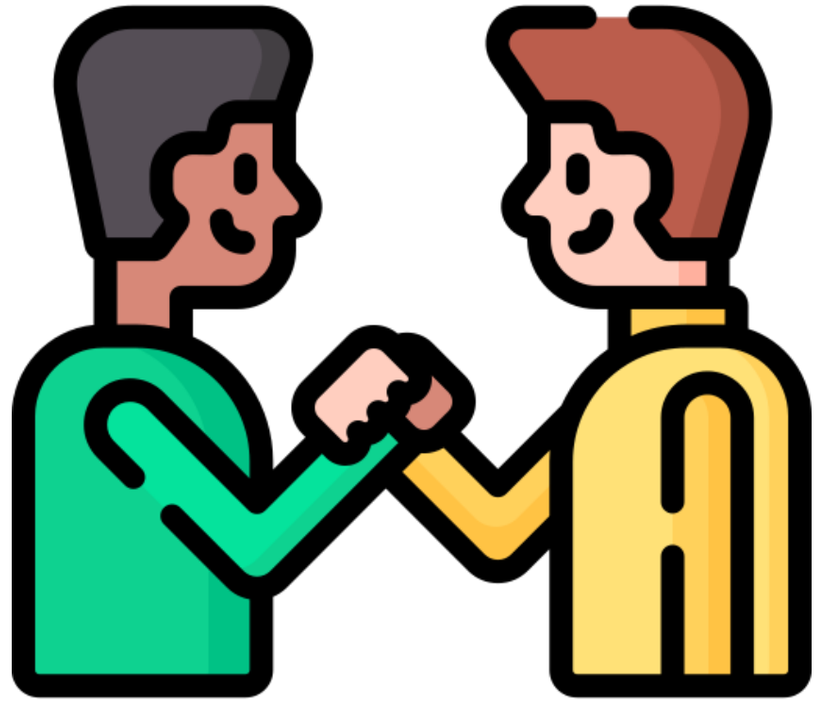




position

win

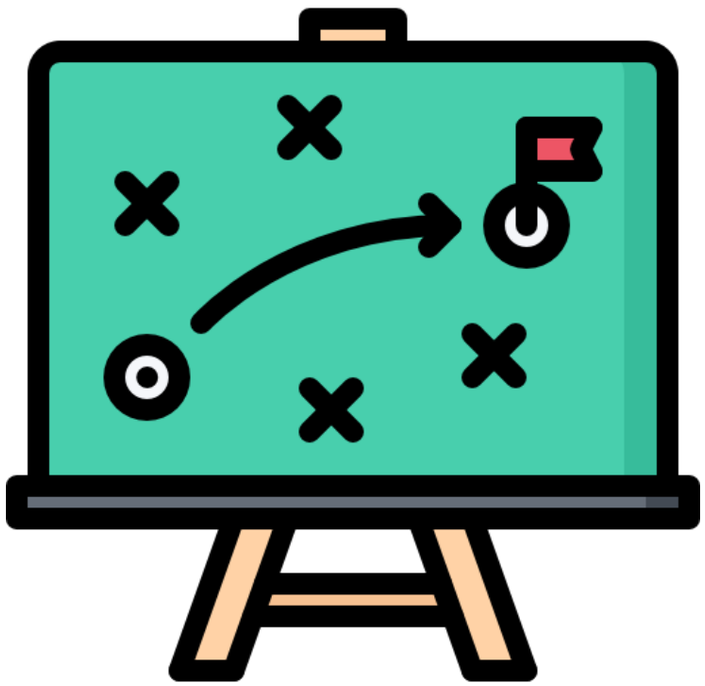




tackle

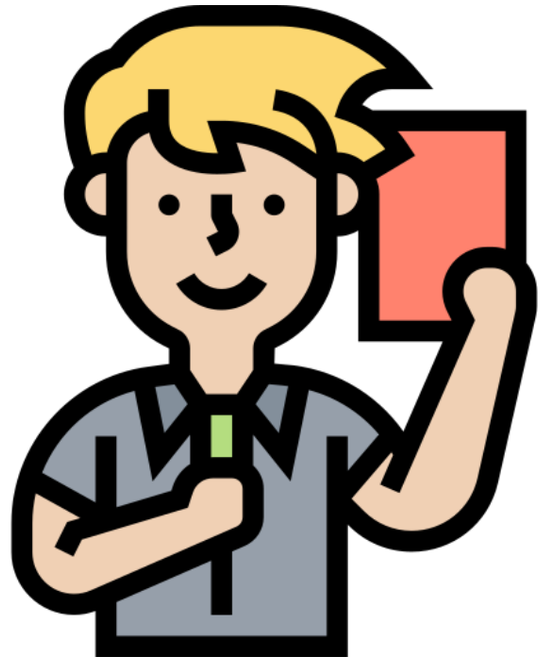
lose





strategy

punish





remedy

master





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