

Word of the Day

Spring Term 2025

Week 19 – 27th January 2025



This Week's Words

Grasshopper

tear
office
spare
chipped
lift

Shinobi

tolerate
mutter
fixation
unveil

VN VOCABULARY

VN Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day: picnic
(pic-nic)

Word Class: (verb / noun)

Definition: If you tear paper, cloth, or another material, or if it tears, you pull it into two pieces or you pull it so that a hole appears in it.

Phrases:

Synonym: word
word

Antonym: word
word

Rhyme: word
word

Link Word: word
word

The was a hole in Freddie's new school picnic.

Phrase Number One

Phrase Number Two

VN Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day: tear
(tear)

Word Class: (verb / noun)

Definition: If you tear paper, cloth, or another material, or if it tears, you pull it into two pieces or you pull it so that a hole appears in it.

Phrases:

Synonym: word
word

Antonym: word
word

Prefix / Suffix: word
word

Link Word: word
word

The was a tear in Freddie's new school book.

Phrase Number One

Phrase Number Two

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

This Week's Words

Grasshopper

chilly

waste

twinkle

squeeze

relax

Shinobi

unusual

replace

intercept

stutter

innocuous



VOCABULARY NINJA

Grasshopper (Tier 1)

chilly

waste

twinkle

squeeze

relax



VOCABULARY NINJA

Shinobi (Tier 2)

unusual

replace

intercept

stutter

innocuous



VOCABULARY NINJA



Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

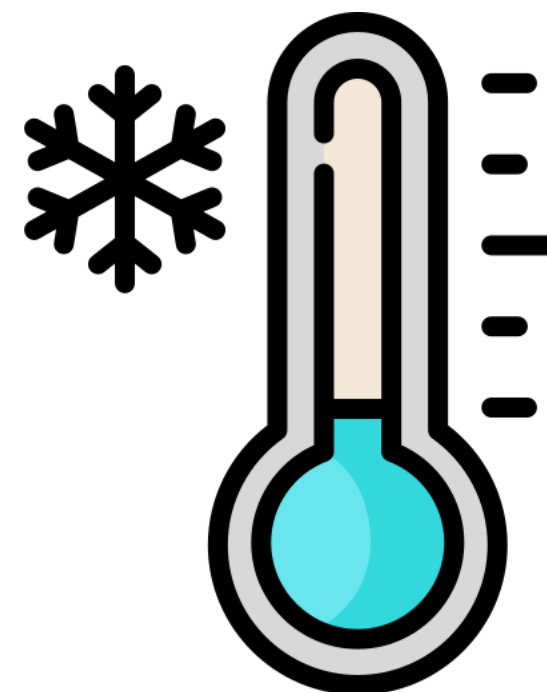
Pronunciation / Syllables

chilly
(chill-y)

Word Class
(adjective)

Definition:

Something that is chilly is unpleasantly cold.



The classroom felt **chilly** with the windows left open.

Synonym:

brisk

frosty

Antonym:

warm

hot

Prefix / Suffix:

Rhyme:

silly

lily

Link Word:

become

very



Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

Pronunciation / Syllables

waste
(*waste*)

Word Class
(noun / verb)

Definition:

Waste is the use of money or other resources on things that do not need it.



Ms Watts asked the classed to not **waste** paper.

Synonym:

misuse

fritter

Antonym:

save

keep

Prefix / Suffix:

-ed

-ing

Rhyme:

based

faced

Link Word:

excessive

organic



Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

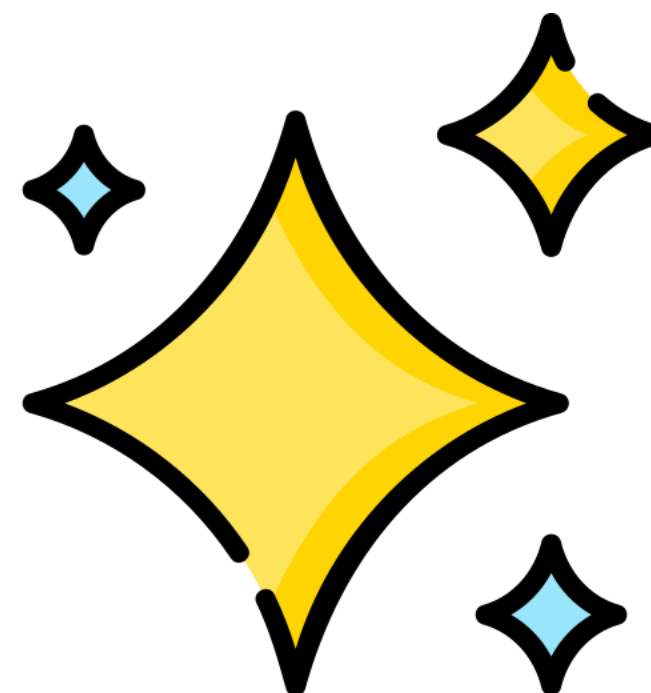
Pronunciation / Syllables

twinkle
(*twin-kle*)

Word Class
(verb / noun)

Definition:

If a star or a light twinkles, it shines with an unsteady light which rapidly and constantly changes from bright to faint.



The stars **twinkled** brightly outside.

Synonym:

flicker

glint

Antonym:

darken

dull

Prefix / Suffix:

-ed

-ing

Rhyme:

sprinkle

wrinkle

Link Word:

gentle

brightly



Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

squeeze
(squeeze)

Word Class
(verb)

Pronunciation / Syllables

Definition:

If you squeeze something, you press it firmly, usually with your hands.



Isla **squeezed** the ball hard.

Synonym:

crunch
press

Antonym:

release

Prefix / Suffix:

-ed
-ing

Rhyme:

these
trees

Link Word:

carefully
firmly



Shinobi Word of the Day

Word Class
(verb)

Word of the Day:

Pronunciation / Syllables

relax
(re-lax)

Definition:

If you relax or if something relaxes you, you feel more calm and less worried or tense.



Mr Li told the class to **relax** for a few minutes.

Synonym:

recline

unwind

Antonym:

agitate

worry

Prefix / Suffix:

-ation

-ed

Rhyme:

max

wax

Link Word:

naturally

quietly



Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

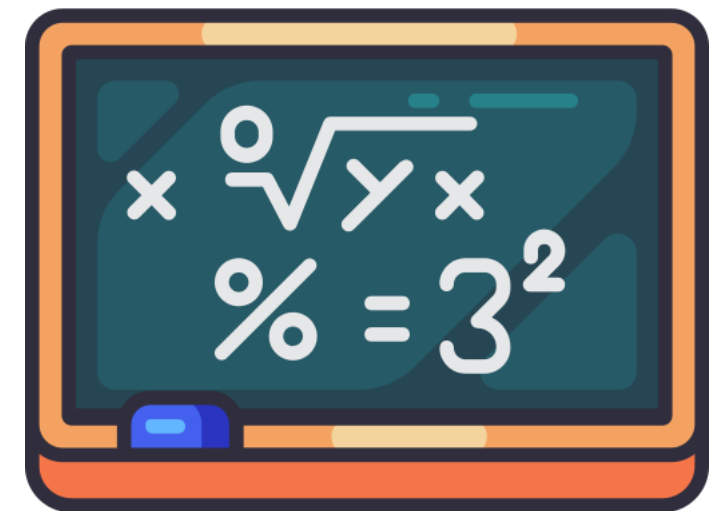
Pronunciation / Syllables

unusual
(*un-u-su-al*)

Word Class
(adjective)

Definition:

If something is unusual, it does not happen very often or you do not see it or hear it very often.



Mr Han showed an **unusual** way to solve the problem.

Synonym:

bizarre

odd

Antonym:

common

usual

Prefix / Suffix:

-ly

-ness

Rhyme:

Link Word:

very

highly



Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

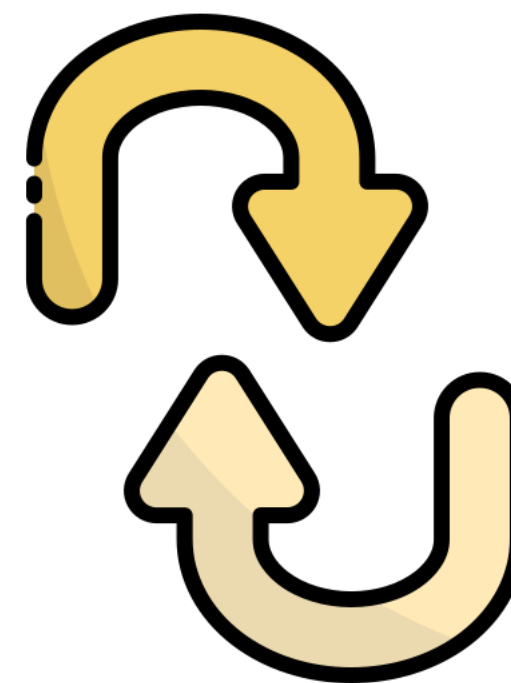
Pronunciation / Syllables

replace
(re-place)

Word Class
(verb)

Definition:

If one thing or person replaces another, the first is used or acts instead of the second.



Kate was asked to **replace** her old pencil with a new one.

Synonym:

change

recover

Antonym:

hold

keep

Prefix / Suffix:

-ed

-ment

Rhyme:

face

space

Link Word:

easily

quickly



Shinobi Word of the Day

Word Class
(verb)

Word of the Day: **intercept**
(*in-ter-cept*)

Pronunciation / Syllables

Definition:

If you intercept someone or something that is travelling from one place to another, you stop them before they get to their destination.



Aaron managed to **intercept** the ball going in goal.

Synonym:

ambush

seize

Antonym:

free

release

Prefix / Suffix:

-ed

-ing

Rhyme:

accept

except

Link Word:

almost

easily



Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

Pronunciation / Syllables

stutter
(*stut-ter*)

Word Class
(verb / noun)

Definition:

If someone stutters, they have difficulty speaking because they find it hard to say the first sound of a word.



Robin began to **stutter** when reading aloud in class.

Synonym:

sputter

stammer

Antonym:

Prefix / Suffix

-ing

-ed

Rhyme:

butter

utter

Link Word:

slowly

loudly



Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day: **innocuous**

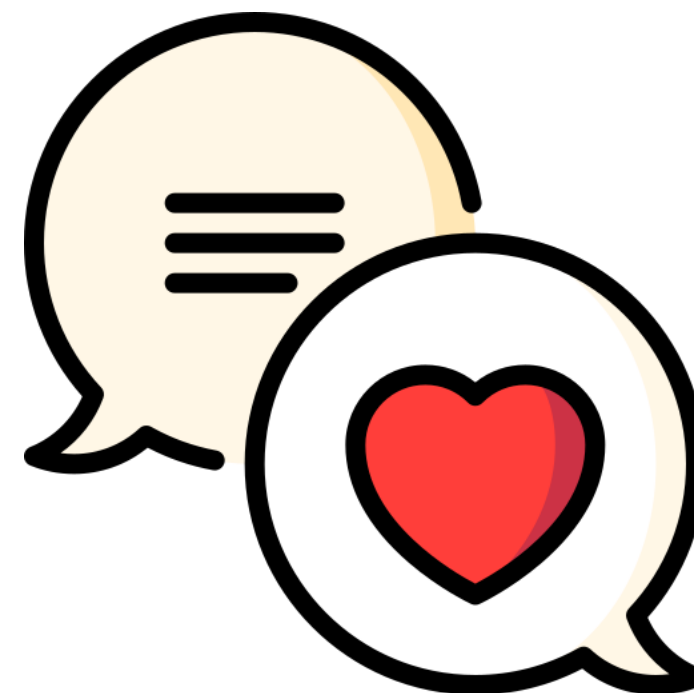
Word Class
(adjective)

Pronunciation / Syllables

(*in-noc-u-ous*)

Definition:

Something that is innocuous is not at all harmful or offensive.



Leah's comment was **innocuous**.

Synonym:

bland

insipid

Antonym:

harmful

hurtful

Prefix / Suffix:

-ly

-ness

Rhyme:

Link Word:

completely

perfectly

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: chilly

Word: twinkle

Word: waste

Word: relax



Vocabulary Visualiser

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



Word: replace

Word: stutter

Word: intercept

Word: innocuous



Matching Meanings

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



Grasshopper Word

Grasshopper Definitions

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twinkle

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squeeze

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relax

*** is the use of money or other resources on things that do not need it.



Matching Meanings

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Shinobi Word

Shinobi Definitions

unusual

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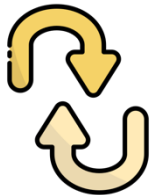
replace

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intercept

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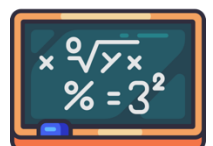
stutter

If someone ***, they have difficulty speaking because they find it hard to say the first sound of a word.



innocuous

If something is ***, it does not happen very often or you do not see it or hear it very often.





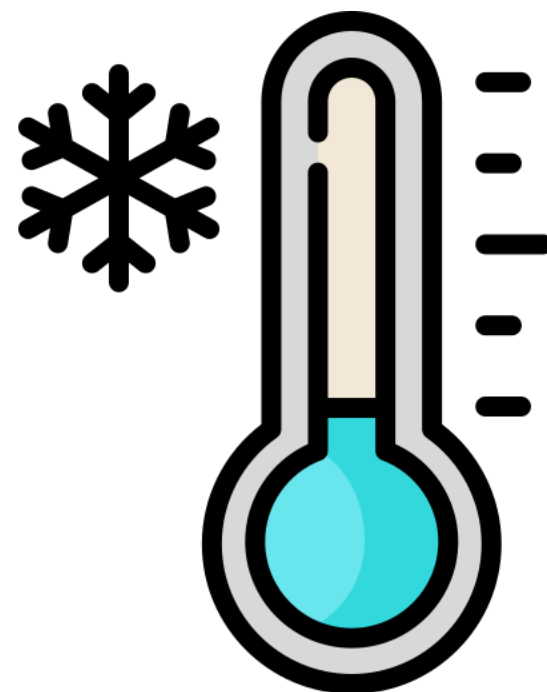
Display Slips

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.





chilly

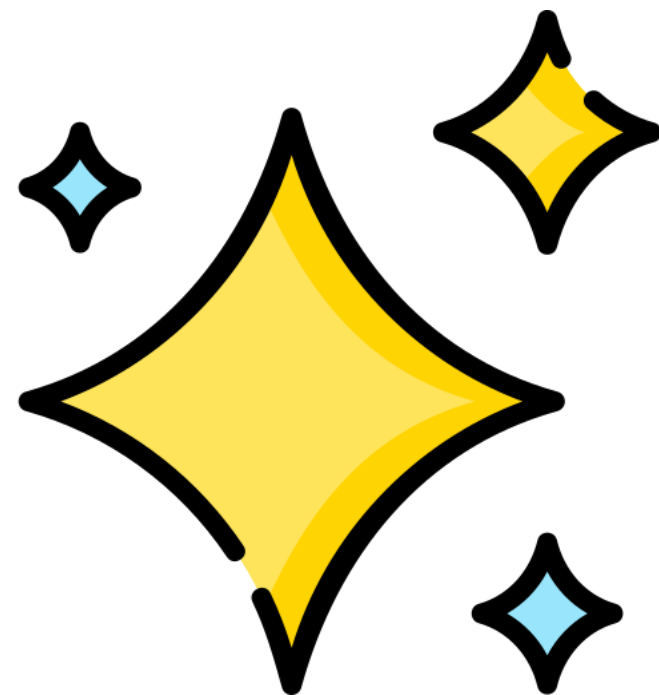


waste





twinkle

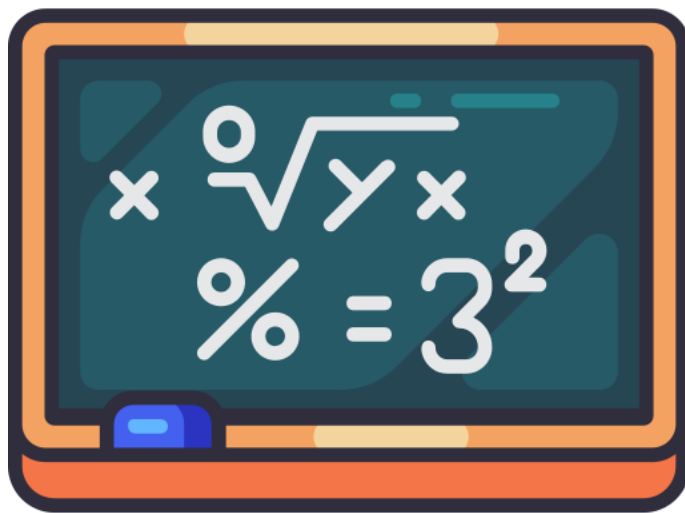


squeeze





relax

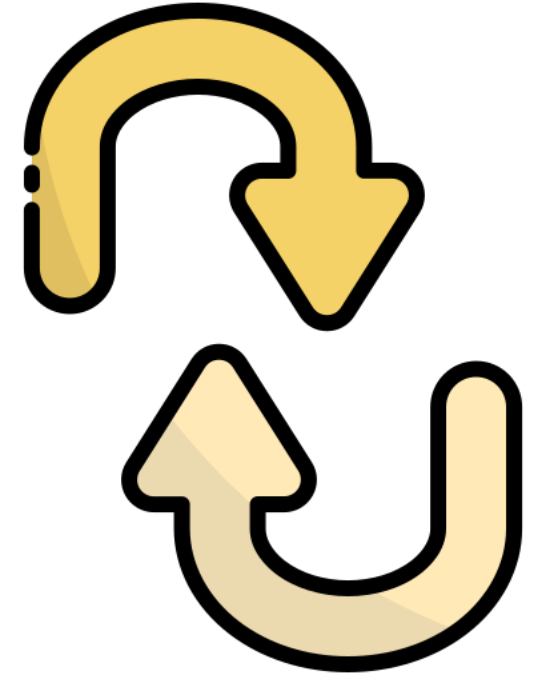


unusual





replace

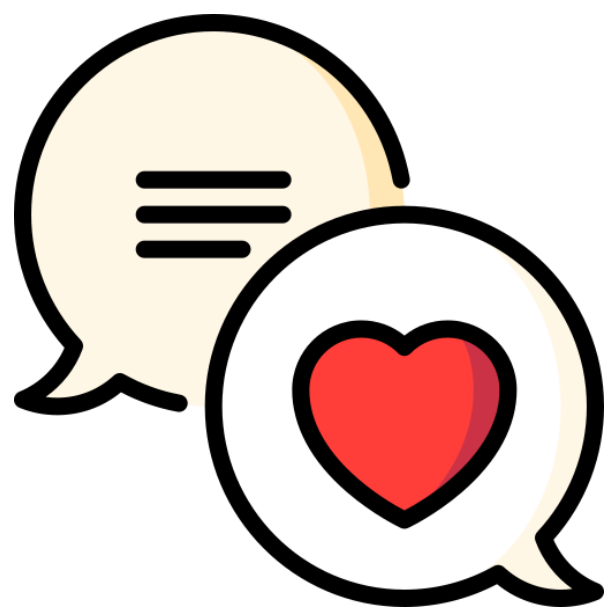


intercept





stutter



innocuous





Font Variation

The following display slips contain the same words, but have a more regular font, which have a more regular formation of 'a' and 'g'. Futura is the name of the font.




worried



opini

asure

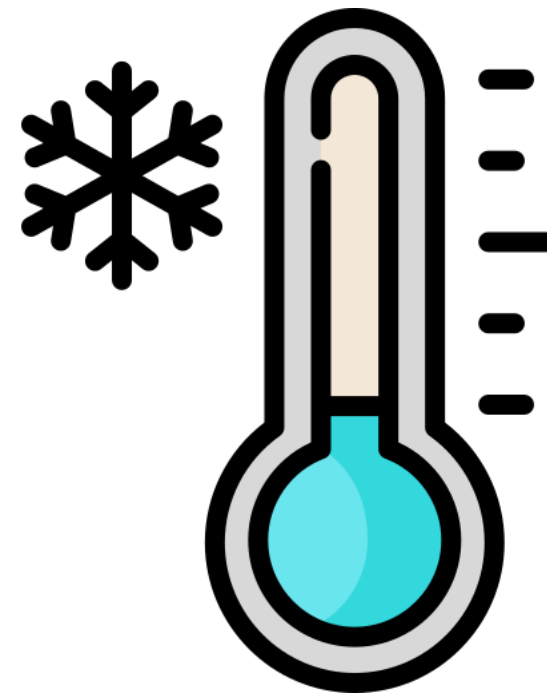


dia





chilly

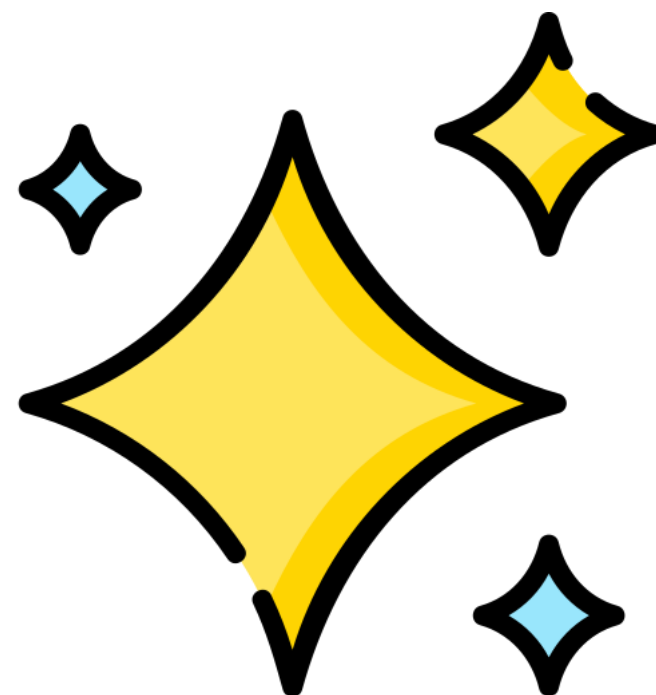


waste





twinkle

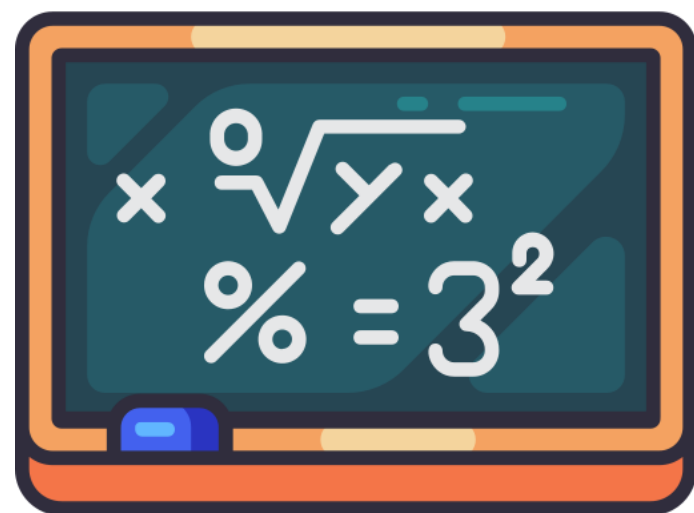


squeeze





relax

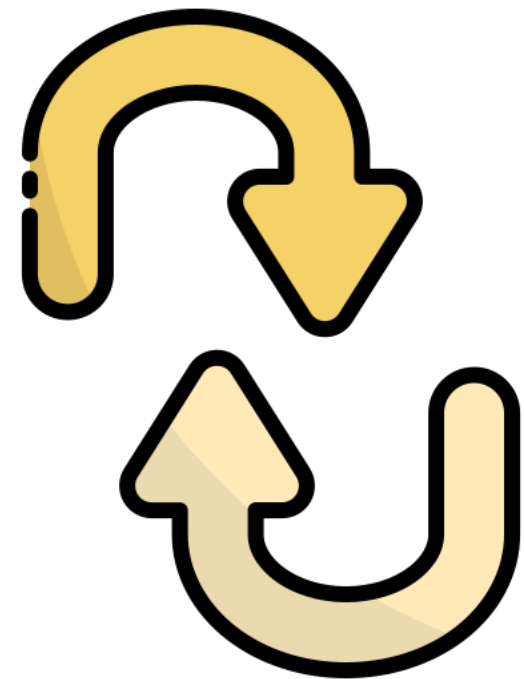


unusual





replace

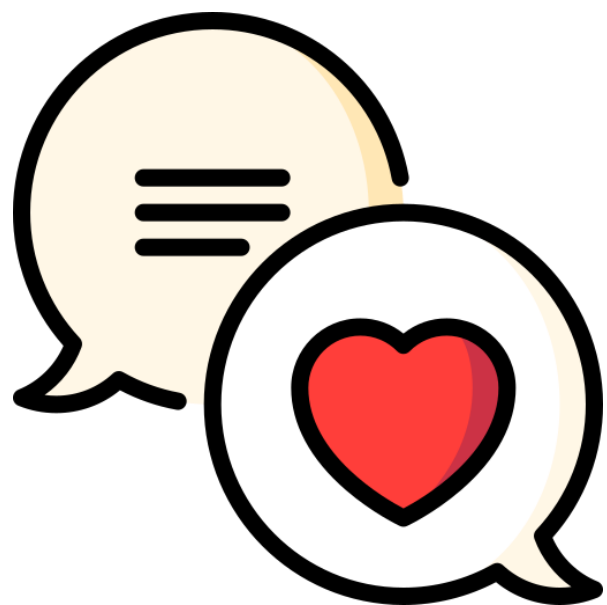


intercept





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