

# Word of the Day

## Spring Term 2025

### Week 18 – 20th 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)

**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)

**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

**wobble**

**underneath**

**trio**

**wander**

**stranger**

Shinobi

**instead**

**trudge**

**vague**

**meticulous**

**ponder**



**VOCABULARY NINJA**

# Grasshopper (Tier 1)

**wobble**

**underneath**

**trio**

**wander**

**stranger**



**VOCABULARY NINJA**

# Shinobi (Tier 2)

**instead**

**trudge**

**vague**

**meticulous**

**ponder**



**VOCABULARY NINJA**



# Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

Pronunciation / Syllables

**wobble**  
(wob-ble)

Word Class  
(verb)

Definition:

If something or someone wobbles, they make small movements from side to side, for example because they are unsteady.



The tall stack of books began to **wobble** on the desk.

Synonym:

quiver

tremble

Antonym:

still

stay

Prefix / Suffix:

-ed

-ing

Rhyme:

gobble

hobble

Link Word:

slightly

quickly



# Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day: **underneath**

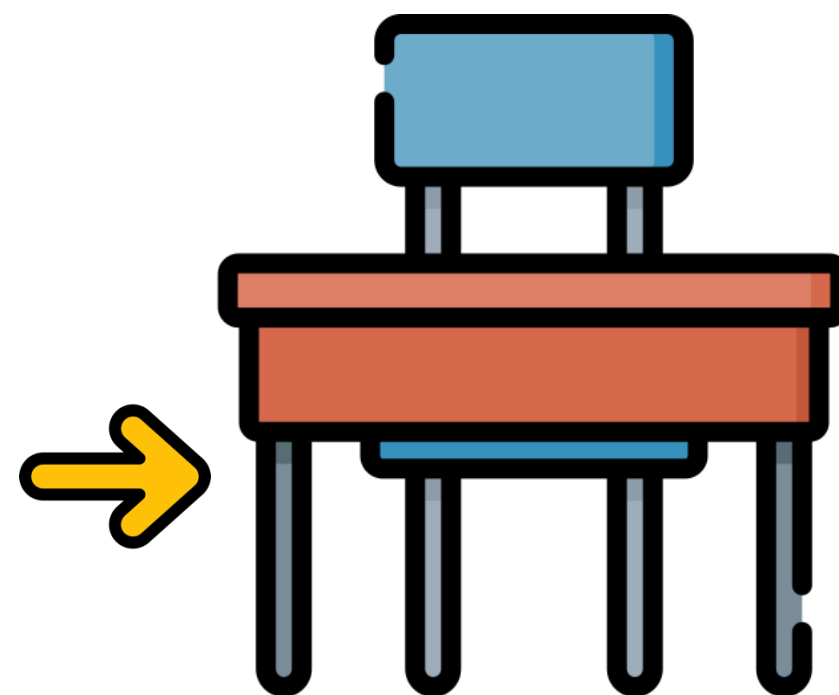
Word Class  
(adjective)

Pronunciation / Syllables

(*un-der-neath*)

## Definition:

If one thing is underneath another, it is directly under it, and may be covered or hidden by it.



Mr Lee found a note **underneath** Trevor's desk.

Synonym:

beneath

below

Antonym:

over

Prefix / Suffix:

Rhyme:

teeth

wreath

Link Word:

lay

hidden



# Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

Pronunciation / Syllables

**trio**  
(*tri-o*)

Word Class  
(noun)

Definition:

A trio is a group of three people together, especially musicians or singers, or a group of three things that have something in common.



The **trio** worked together on their group project.

Synonym:

triad  
trilogy

Antonym:

Prefix / Suffix:

-s

Rhyme:

Rio  
Leo

Link Word:

talented  
vocal



# Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

Pronunciation / Syllables

wander  
(wan-der)

Word Class  
(verb / noun)

Definition:

If you wander in a place,  
you walk around there in a casual way,  
often without intending to go in any  
particular direction.



Anika's mind began to **wander** during the lesson.

Synonym:

meander

saunter

Antonym:

run

stay

Prefix / Suffix:

-ing

-ed

Rhyme:

ponder

yonder

Link Word:

slowly

quietly





# Shinobi Word of the Day

Word Class  
(noun)

Word of the Day:

**stranger**  
(*stang-er*)

Pronunciation / Syllables

Definition:

A stranger is someone you have never met before.



Ms Lim warned the class not to talk **strangers**.

Synonym:

newcomer

outsider

Antonym:

friend

acquaintance

Prefix / Suffix:

-s

Rhyme:

danger

Link Word:

total

awkward



# Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

instead  
(*in-stead*)

Word Class  
(adverb)

Pronunciation / Syllables

## Definition:

If you do not do something, but do something else instead, you do the second thing and not the first thing, as the result of a choice or a change of behaviour.



Instead of using a pencil, Charles used a pen.

Synonym:

rather

alternative

Antonym:

Prefix / Suffix:

Rhyme:

said

head

Link Word:

chose

used



# Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

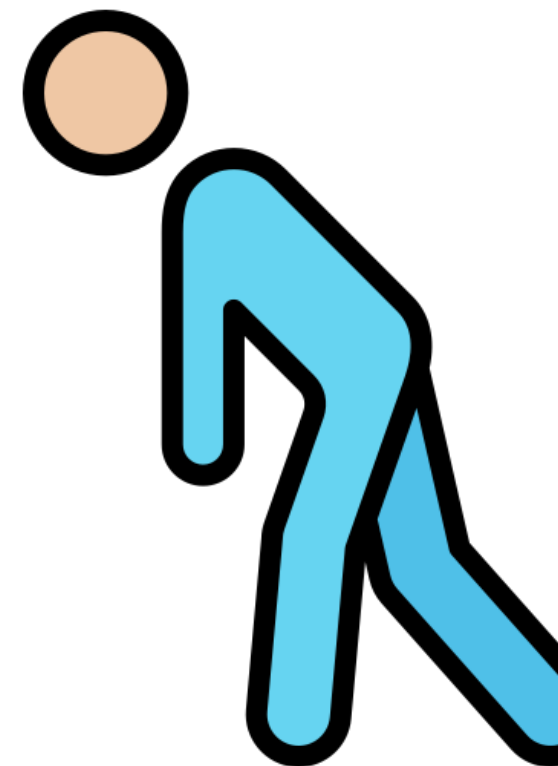
Pronunciation / Syllables

trudge  
(trudge)

Word Class  
(verb / noun)

## Definition:

If you trudge somewhere, you walk there slowly and with heavy steps, especially because you are tired or unhappy.



Pedro **trudged** back to his seat.

Synonym:

plod  
slog

Antonym:

tiptoe

Prefix / Suffix:

-ed  
-ing

Rhyme:

judge  
sludge

Link Word:

slowly  
heavily



# Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

Pronunciation / Syllables

vague  
(vague)

Word Class  
(adjective)

Definition:

If something written or spoken is vague, it does not explain or express things clearly.



The instructions given by Mr Lim were **vague**.

Synonym:

ambiguous

lax

Antonym:

explicit

secure

Prefix / Suffix:

-ly

-ness

Rhyme:

plague

Link Word:

slightly

feels



# Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day: **meticulous**

Word Class  
(adjective)

Pronunciation / Syllables

(*me-tic-u-lous*)

## Definition:

If you describe someone as meticulous, you mean that they do things very carefully and with great attention to detail.



Mrs Frank praised Tilly for her **meticulous** work.

Synonym:

exact

strict

Antonym:

false

inexact

Prefix / Suffix

-ly

-ness

Rhyme:

ridiculous

Link Word:

extremely

overly



# Shinobi Word of the Day

Word Class  
(verb)

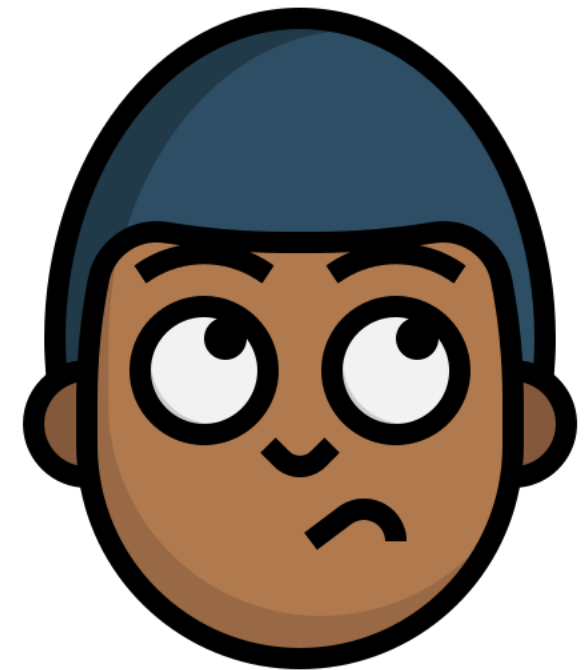
Word of the Day:

Pronunciation / Syllables

ponder  
(pon-der)

Definition:

If you ponder something,  
you think about it carefully.



Ms May asked him to **ponder** the meaning of the poem.

Synonym:

consider  
reflect

Antonym:

discard  
yonder

Prefix / Suffix:

re-  
-ing

Rhyme:

wander

Link Word:

deeply  
carefully

# 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: wobble

Word: trio

Word: underneath

Word: wander





# Vocabulary Visualiser

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



Word: trudge

Word: meticulous

Word: vague

Word: ponder



# Matching Meanings

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



## Grasshopper Word

## Grasshopper Definitions

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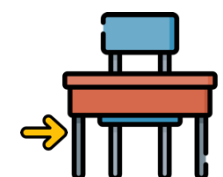
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# Matching Meanings

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



## Shinobi Word

## Shinobi Definitions

instead

If you \*\*\* somewhere, you walk there slowly and with heavy steps, especially because you are tired or unhappy.



trudge

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vague

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meticulous

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ponder

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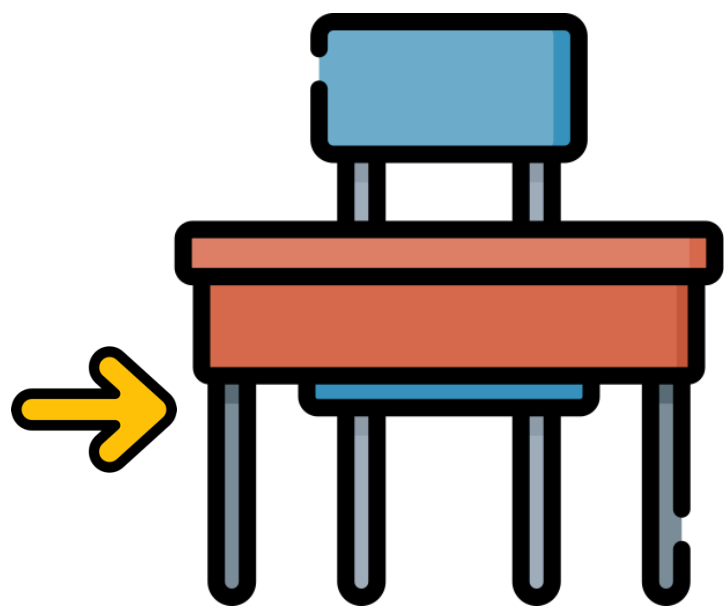
# Display Slips

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.





wobble



underneath





# trio



# wander





# stranger

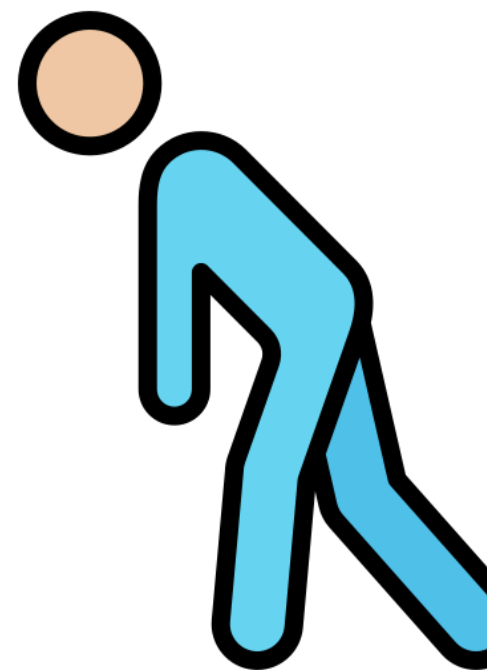


# instead





# trudge



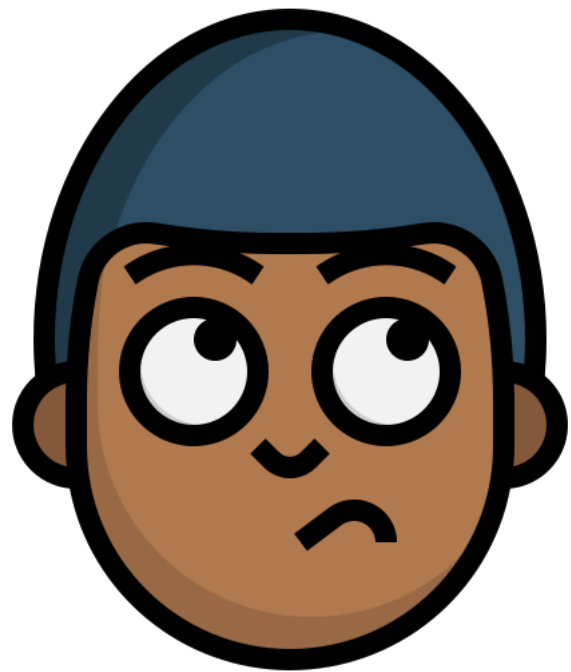
# vague







meticulous



ponder





# 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

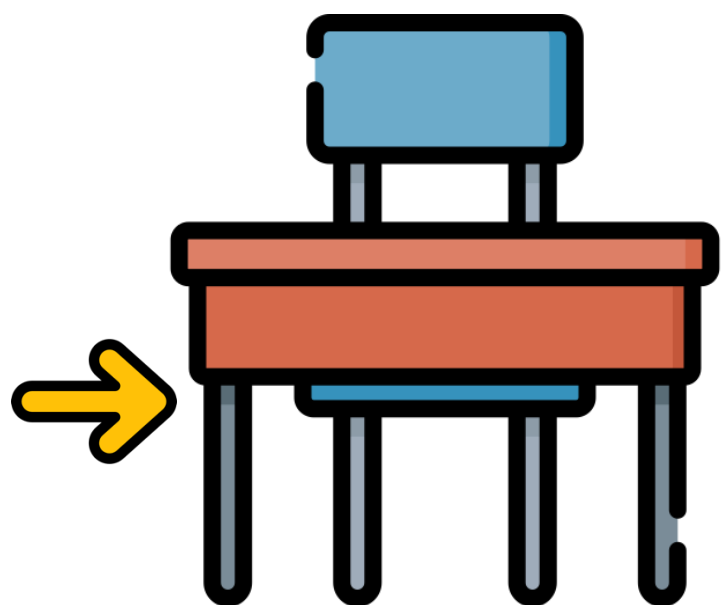


dia





wobble



underneath





# trio

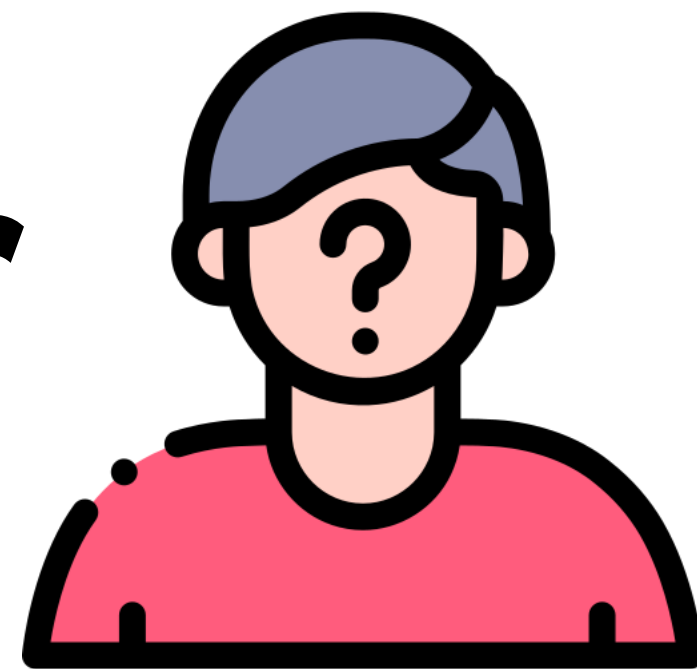


# wander





# stranger

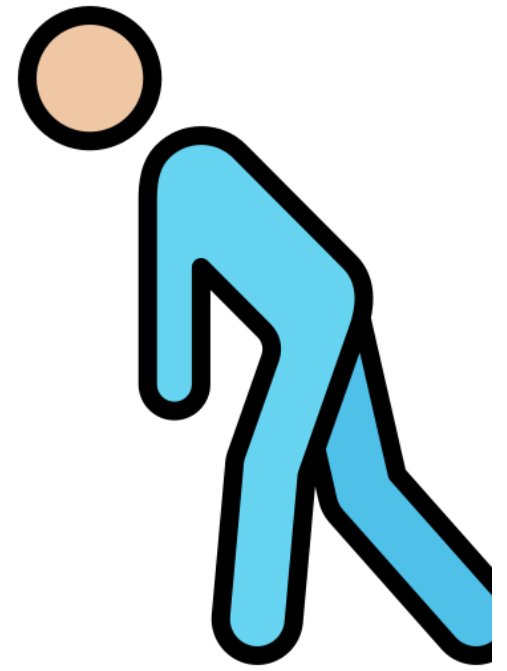


# instead





trudger

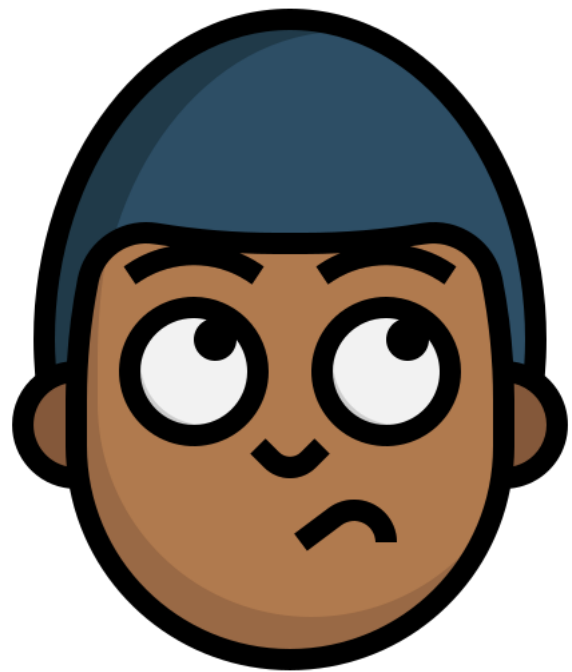


vague





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ponder

