

Word of the Day

Spring Term 2025

Week 23 – 24th Feb 2025



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

This Week's Words

Grasshopper

block

part

early

quiet

scribble

Shinobi

cruel

meander

dense

gnarled

embark



VOCABULARY NINJA

Grasshopper (Tier 1)

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VOCABULARY NINJA

Shinobi (Tier 2)

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VOCABULARY NINJA



Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

Pronunciation / Syllables

block
(*block*)

Word Class
(verb/noun)

Definition:

If you block someone's way, you prevent them from going somewhere or entering a place by standing in front of them.



Ms Smith asked Millie not to **block** the view of the board.

Synonym:

obstruct
prevent

Antonym:

allow
facilitate

Prefix / Suffix:

un-
-ing

Rhyme:

stock
rock

Link Word:

deliberately
effectively



Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

Pronunciation / Syllables

part
(part)

Word Class
(noun)

Definition:

A part of something is one of the pieces, sections, or elements that it consists of.



Teamwork is an important **part** of learning

Synonym:

chunk

element

Antonym:

whole

entirety

Prefix / Suffix:

a-

-ed

Rhyme:

heart

start

Link Word:

essential

broken



Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

Pronunciation / Syllables

early
(ear-ly)

Word Class
(adverb)

Definition:

Early means before the usual time that a particular event or activity happens.



The class arrived **early** to go on the school trip.

Synonym:

beforehand
previous

Antonym:

later

Prefix / Suffix:

-iest

Rhyme:

curly
burly

Link Word:

extremely
too



Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

Pronunciation / Syllables

quiet
(*qui-et*)

Word Class
(adjective)

Definition:

Someone or something that is quiet makes only a small amount of noise.



The class were very **quiet** during their test.

Synonym:

mute

soft

Antonym:

noisy

loud

Prefix / Suffix:

-ly

-er

Rhyme:

diet

riot

Link Word:

unusually

almost



Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

Pronunciation / Syllables

scribble
(scrib-ble)

Word Class
(verb)

Definition:

If you scribble something, you write it quickly and roughly.



The class **scribbled** down Mrs Heart's notes.

Synonym:

doodle

scrawl

Antonym:

Prefix / Suffix:

-ed

-ing

Rhyme:

nibble

dribble

Link Word:

quickly

carelessly



Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

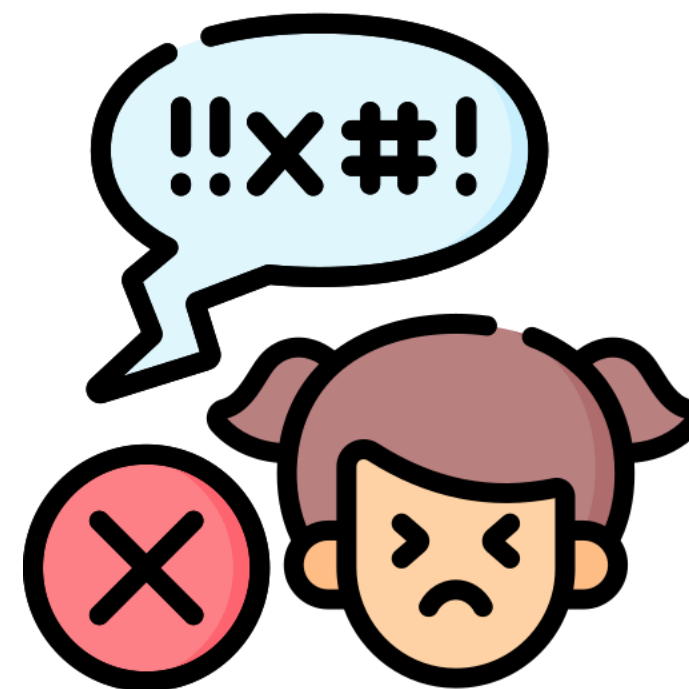
Pronunciation / Syllables

cruel
(*cru-el*)

Word Class
(adjective)

Definition:

Someone who is cruel deliberately causes pain or distress to people or animals.



Mr Hobbs told the class it was unacceptable to be **cruel**.

Synonym:

callus

harsh

Antonym:

gentle

kind

Prefix / Suffix:

-ty

-ly

Rhyme:

fuel

duel

Link Word:

shockingly

deliberately



Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

meander
(*me-an-der*)

Word Class
(verb)

Pronunciation / Syllables

Definition:

If you meander somewhere, you move slowly and not in a straight line.



His attention began to **meander**.

Synonym:

roam

ramble

Antonym:

stay

straighten

Prefix / Suffix:

-ing

-ed

Rhyme:

commander

slander

Link Word:

lazily

quietly



Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

Pronunciation / Syllables

dense
(dense)

Word Class
(adjective)

Definition:

Something that is dense contains a lot of things or people in a small area.



Farhan thought the **dense** textbook was hard to understand.

Synonym:

compressed

jammed

Antonym:

sparse

scattered

Prefix / Suffix

con-

-ly

Rhyme:

sense

tense

Link Word:

become

highly



Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

Pronunciation / Syllables

gnarled
(gnarled)

Word Class
(adjective)

Definition:

A gnarled tree is twisted and strangely shaped because it is old.



Ms Gent pointed to the **gnarled** roots in the plant pot.

Synonym:

wrinkled
contorted

Antonym:

straight
unbent

Prefix / Suffix:

Rhyme:

Link Word:

deeply
severely



Shinobi Word of the Day

Word Class
(verb)

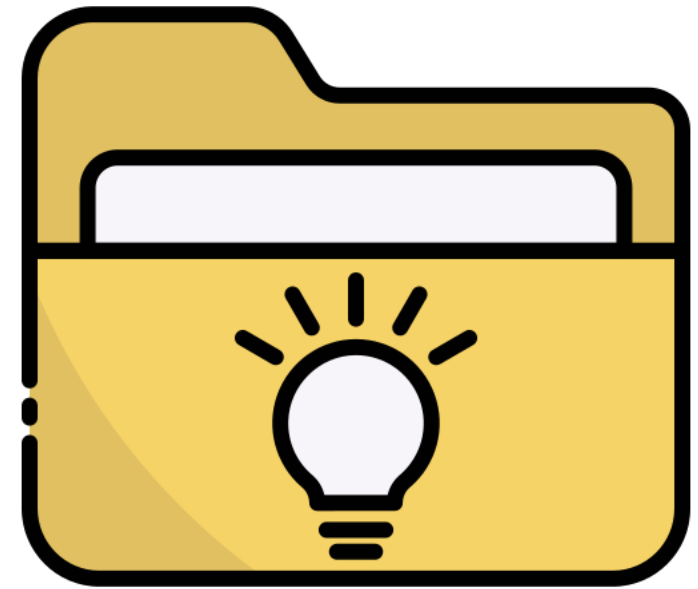
Word of the Day:

embark
(em-bark)

Pronunciation / Syllables

Definition:

If you embark on something new, difficult, or exciting, you start doing it.



The class were excited to **embark** on a new project.

Synonym:

commence

launch

Antonym:

finish

stop

Prefix / Suffix:

dis-

-ed

Rhyme:

dark

mark

Link Word:

boldly

eagerly

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: block

Word: quiet

Word: early

Word: scribble



Vocabulary Visualiser

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



Word: meander

Word: gnarled

Word: dense

Word: embark



Matching Meanings

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



Grasshopper Word

Grasshopper Definitions

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scribble

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Matching Meanings

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Shinobi Word

Shinobi Definitions

cruel

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meander

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dense

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gnarled

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embark

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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.





block



part





early

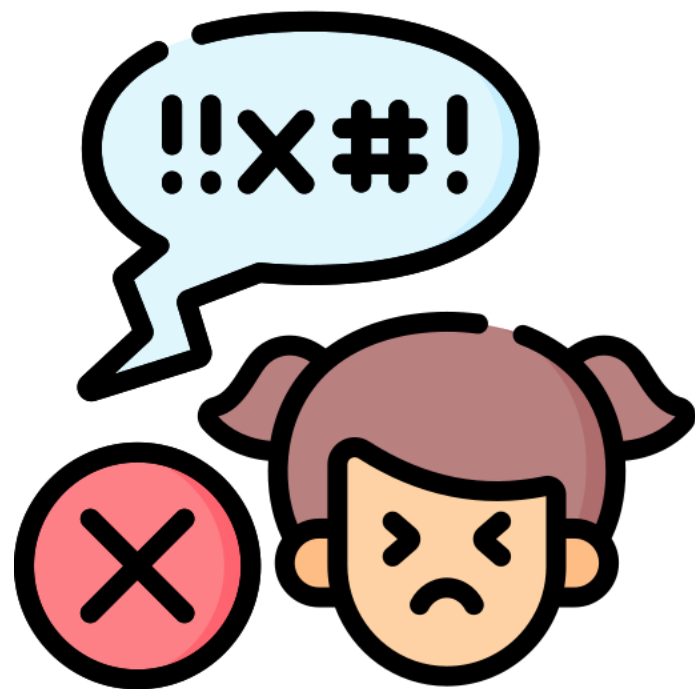
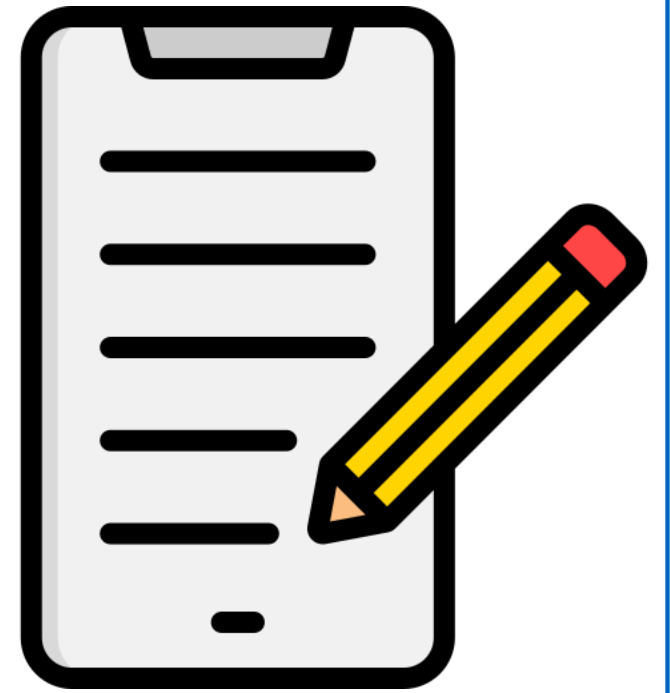


quiet





scribble



cruel





meander

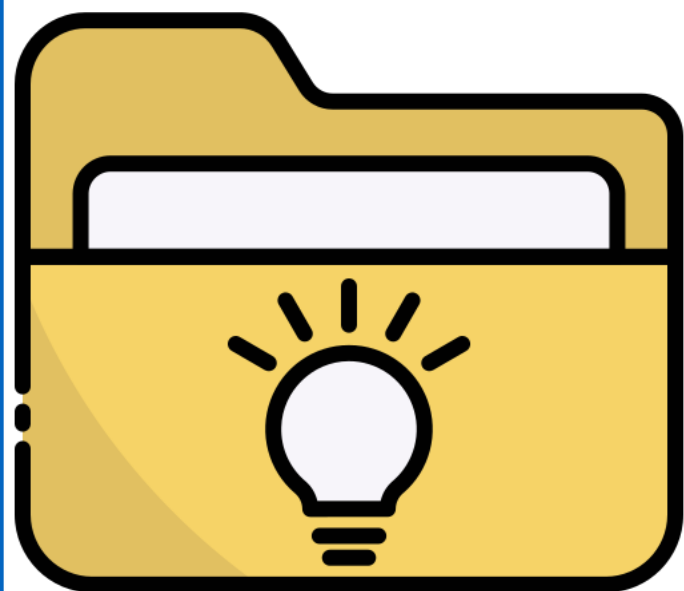


dense





gnarled



embark





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





block



part





early

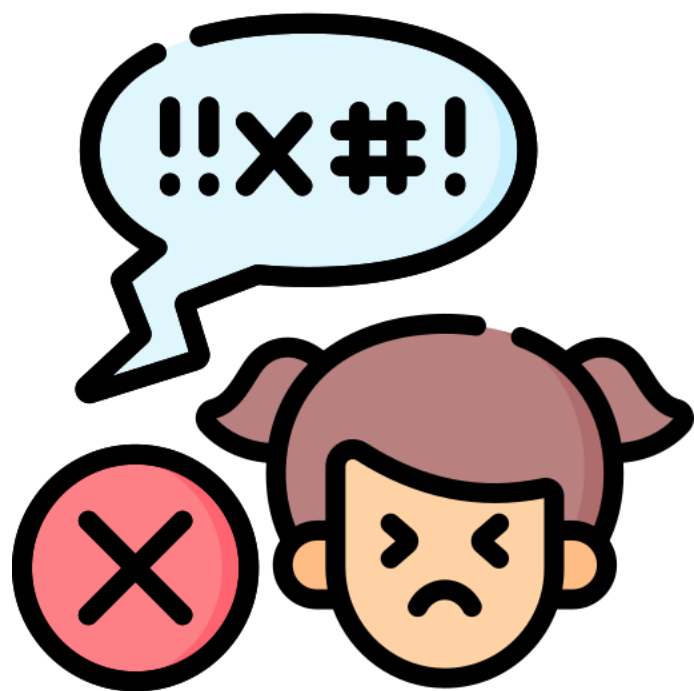


quiet





scribble



cruel





meander

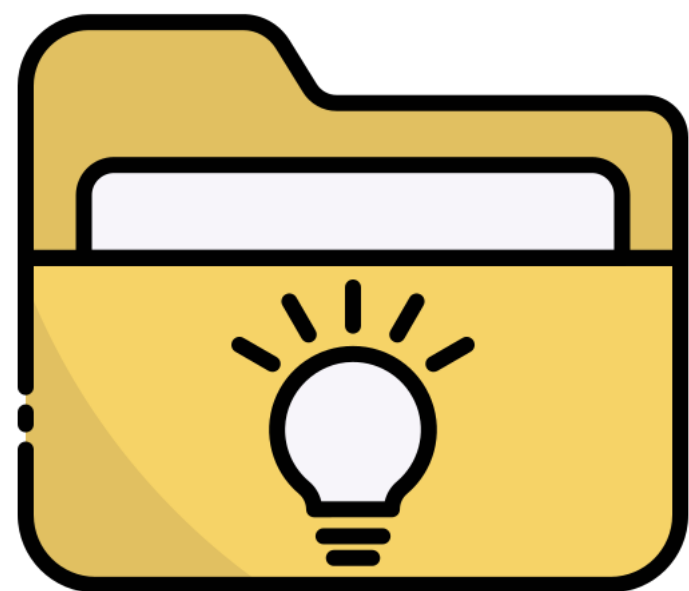


dense





gnarled



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