

Word of the Day

Spring Term 2025

Week 28 – 31st March 2025



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

This Week's Words

Grasshopper

dangle

doze

dunk

plod

waddle

Shinobi

direct

bland

cerulean

deprive

delight



VOCABULARY NINJA

Grasshopper (Tier 1)

dangle

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VOCABULARY NINJA

Shinobi (Tier 2)

direct

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VOCABULARY NINJA



Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

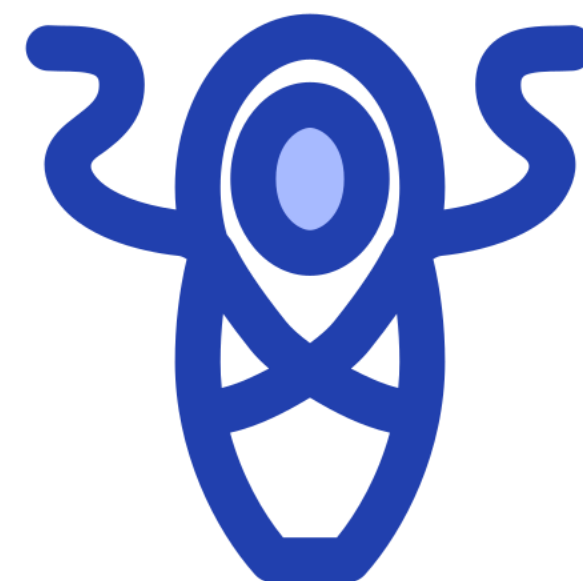
Pronunciation / Syllables

dangle
(dan-gle)

Word Class
(verb)

Definition:

If something dangles from somewhere or if you dangle it somewhere, it hangs or swings loosely.



Nina's shoelace began to **dangle** as she crossed the room.

Synonym:

hang

swing

Antonym:

Prefix / Suffix:

-ed

-ing

Rhyme:

angle

tangle

Link Word:

freely

gently



Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

Pronunciation / Syllables

doze
(doze)

Word Class
(verb)

Definition:

When you doze, you sleep lightly for a short period, especially during the daytime.



Jin began to **doze** off during the long lesson.

Synonym:

nap

snooze

Antonym:

awakening

wakefulness

Prefix / Suffix:

Rhyme:

those

close

Link Word:

briefly

peaceful



Grasshopper Word of the Day

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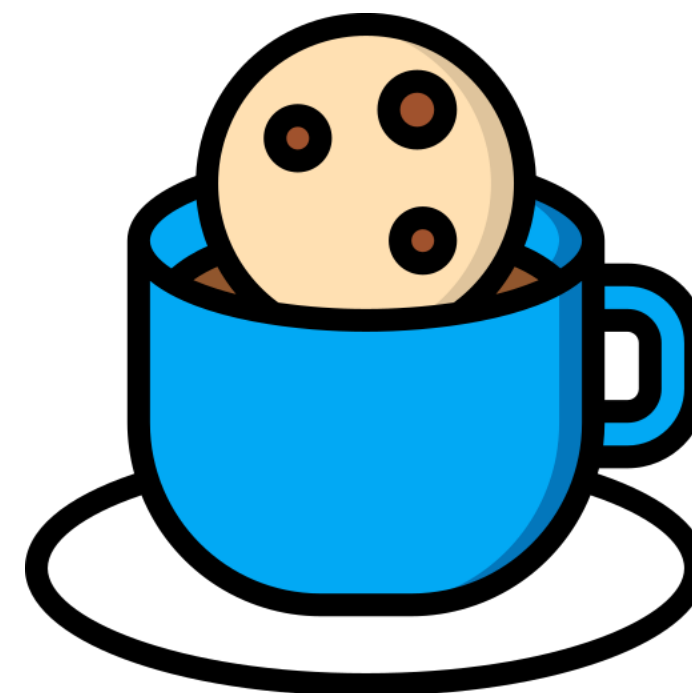
Pronunciation / Syllables

dunk
(dunk)

Word Class
(verb)

Definition:

If you dunk something in a liquid, you put it in the liquid, especially for a particular purpose and for a short time.



Calum **dunked** his biscuit in his drink.

Synonym:

douse

soak

Antonym:

dry

Prefix / Suffix:

-ing

-er

Rhyme:

trunk

drunk

Link Word:

quick

easily



Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

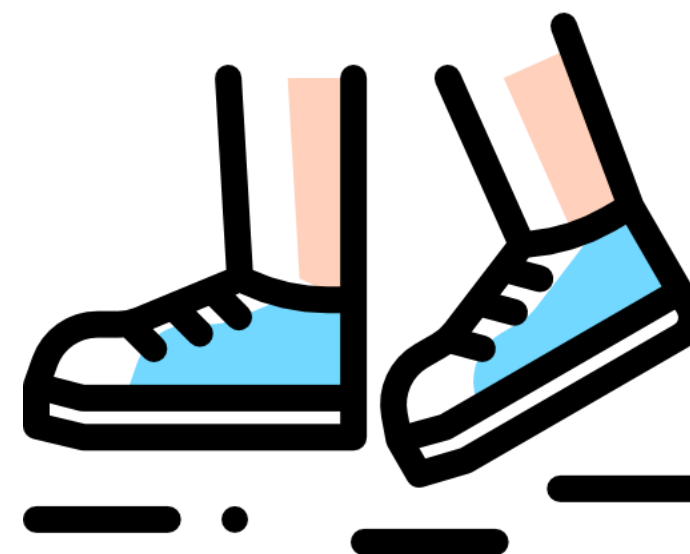
Pronunciation / Syllables

plod
(plod)

Word Class
(verb)

Definition:

If someone plods, they walk slowly and heavily.



Jenny **plodded** into the classroom.

Synonym:

lumber
tramp

Antonym:

tiptoe

Prefix / Suffix:

-ding
-ded

Rhyme:

trod
odd

Link Word:

heavy
slowly



Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

Pronunciation / Syllables

waddle
(wad-dle)

Word Class
(verb)

Definition:

To waddle somewhere means to walk there with short, quick steps, swinging slightly from side to side.



Jin made the toy penguin **waddle** across the desk.

Synonym:

toddle

wiggle

Antonym:

Prefix / Suffix:

-ed

-ing

Rhyme:

model

Link Word:

slowly

awkwardly



Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

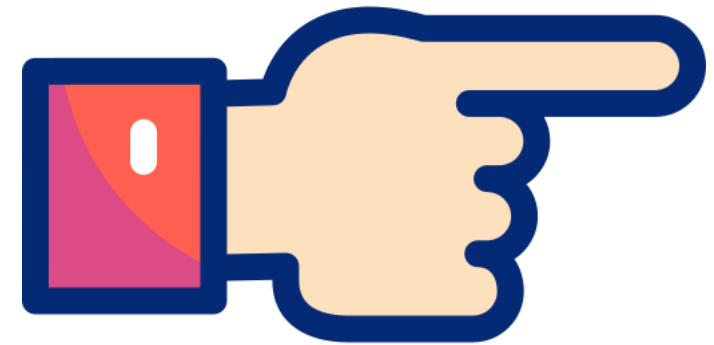
Pronunciation / Syllables

direct
(di-rect)

Word Class
(verb / adjective)

Definition:

Direct means moving towards a place or object, without changing direction and without stopping, for example in a journey.



Mrs Gupta gave **direct** instructions to get to the library.

Synonym:

continuous

straight

Antonym:

deviating

varying

Prefix / Suffix:

in-

-ly

Rhyme:

effect

project

Link Word:

clearly

strictly



Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

Pronunciation / Syllables

bland
(bland)

Word Class
(adjective)

Definition:

If you describe someone or something as bland, you mean that they are rather dull and unexciting.



The soup from the school canteen tasted **bland**.

Synonym:

insipid

tame

Antonym:

bright

exciting

Prefix / Suffix

-ly

-ness

Rhyme:

hand

land

Link Word:

mildly

too



Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

Pronunciation / Syllables

cerulean
(ce-ru-le-an)

Word Class
(adjective)

Definition:

A deep blue colour.



The clouds outside the classroom were **cerulean**.

Synonym:

azure

cobalt

Antonym:

Prefix / Suffix:

Rhyme:

Link Word:

deep

vibrant



Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

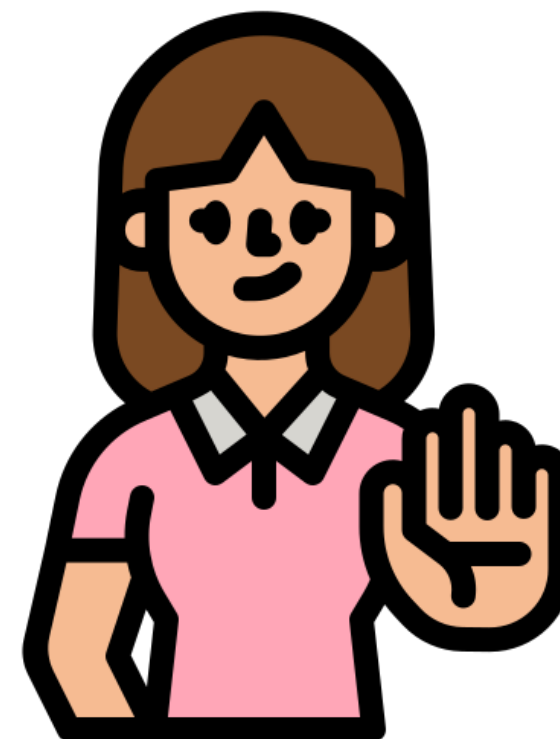
Pronunciation / Syllables

deprive
(de-prive)

Word Class
(verb)

Definition:

If you deprive someone of something that they want or need, you take it away from them, or you prevent them from having it.



Ms Lee did not want to **deprive** the class of their playtime.

Synonym:

rob

strip

Antonym:

give

supply

Prefix / Suffix:

-ed

-ing

Rhyme:

alive

arrive

Link Word:

cruelly

unfairly



Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

Pronunciation / Syllables

delight
(de-light)

Word Class
(noun)

Definition:

Delight is a feeling of very great pleasure.



Tim showed **delight** when he received his test results.

Synonym:

glee

joy

Antonym:

sadness

sorrow

Prefix / Suffix:

-ed

-ful

Rhyme:

right

light

Link Word:

sheer

great

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: dangle

Word: dunk

Word: doze

Word: plod



Vocabulary Visualiser

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



Word: direct

Word: deprive

Word: bland

Word: delight



Matching Meanings

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



Grasshopper Word

Grasshopper Definitions

dangle

When you ***, you sleep lightly or for a short period, especially during the daytime.



doze

If someone ***, they walk slowly and heavily.



dunk

If something *** from somewhere or if you dangle it somewhere, it hangs or swings loosely.



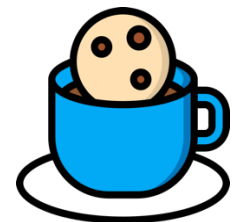
plod

To *** somewhere means to walk there with short, quick steps, swinging slightly from side to side.



waddle

If you *** something in a liquid, you put it in the liquid, especially for a particular purpose and for a short time.



Matching Meanings

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



Shinobi Word

Shinobi Definitions

direct

*** is a feeling of very great pleasure.



bland

A deep blue colour.



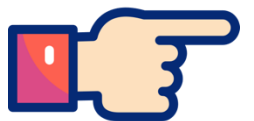
cerulean

If you *** someone of something that they want or need, you take it away from them, or you prevent them from having it.



deprive

*** means moving towards a place or object, without changing direction and without stopping, for example in a journey.



delight

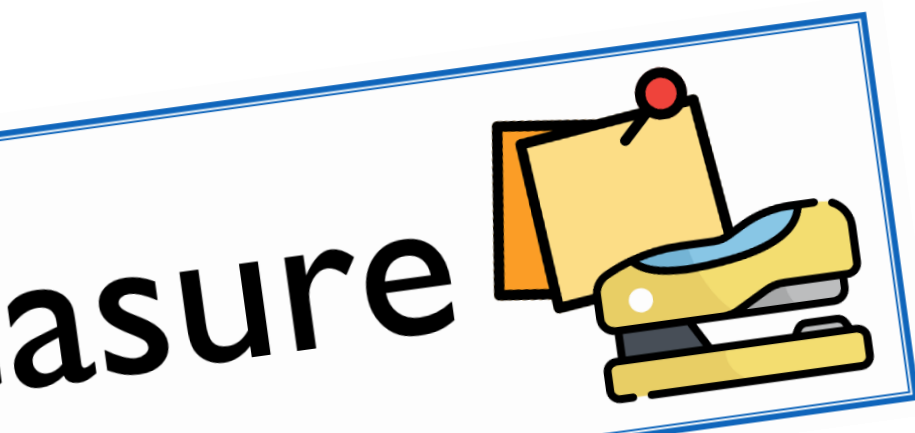
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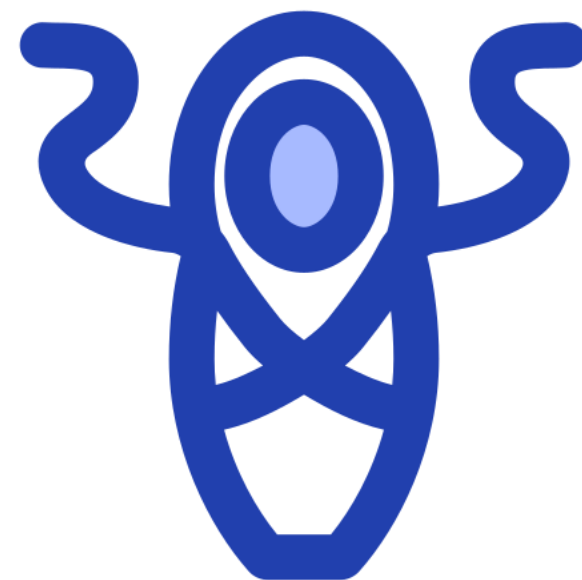
Display Slips

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.





dangle

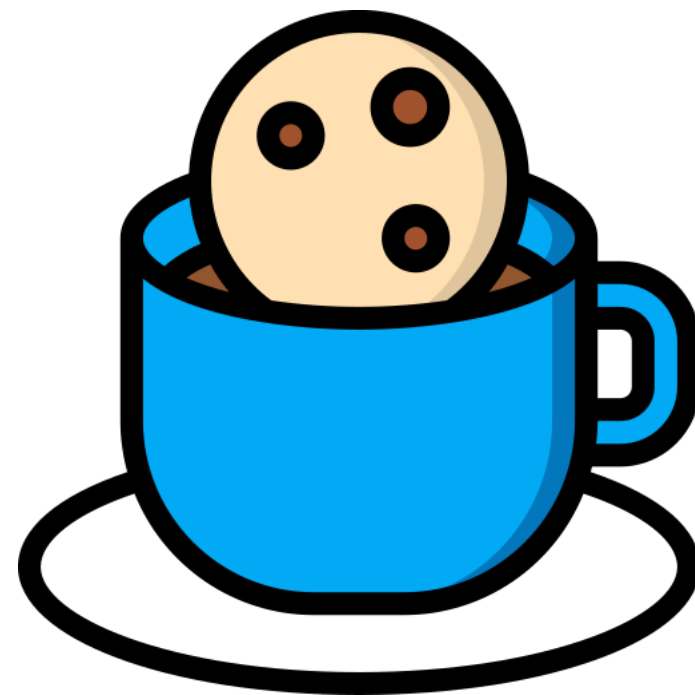


doze





dunk

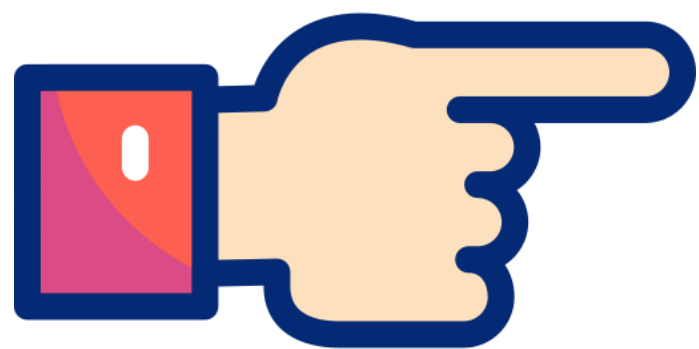


plod





waddle



direct





bland

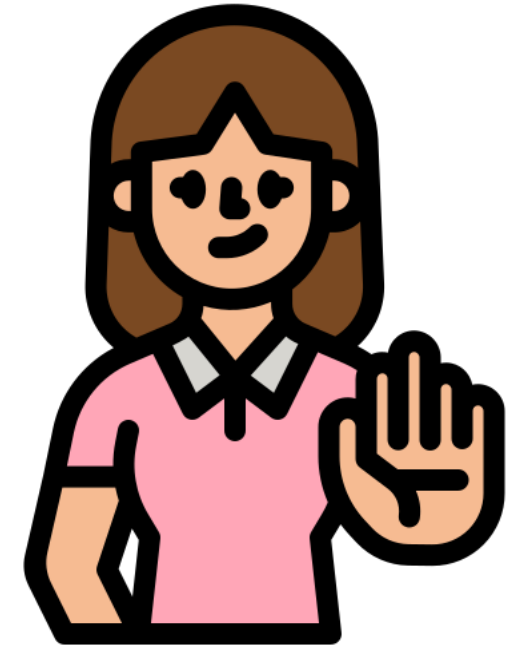


cerulean





deprive



delight





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

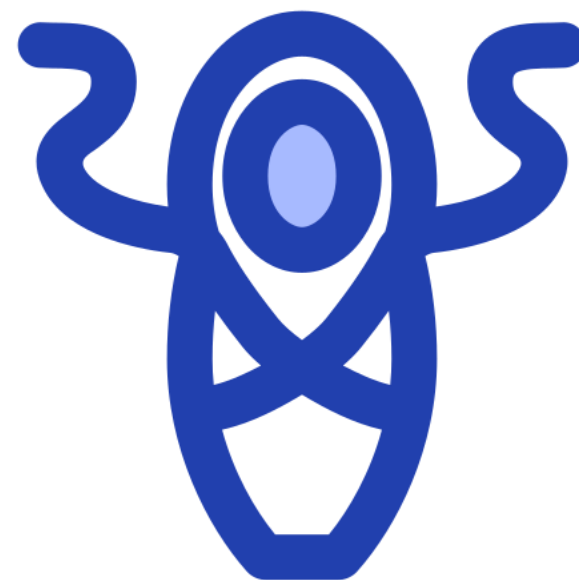


dia





dangle

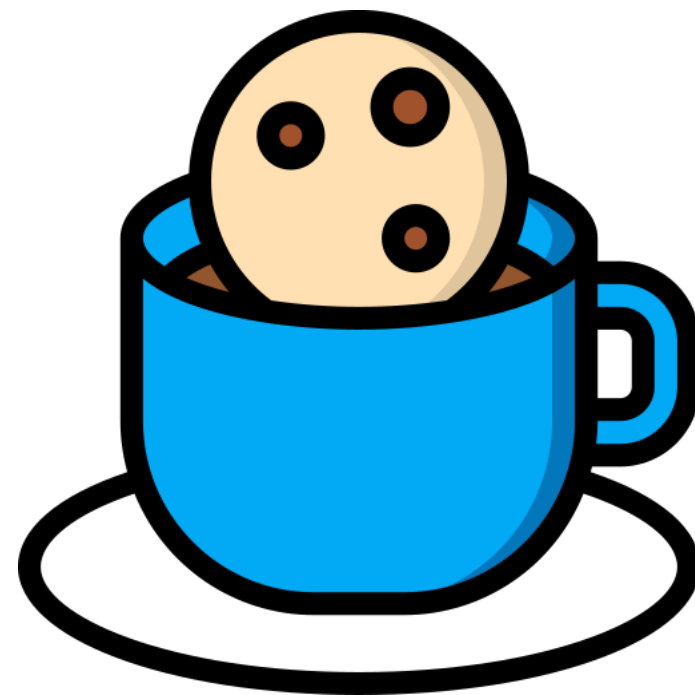


doze





dunk

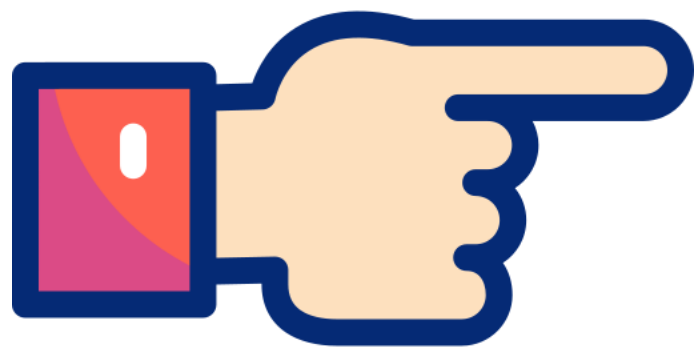


plod





waddle



direct





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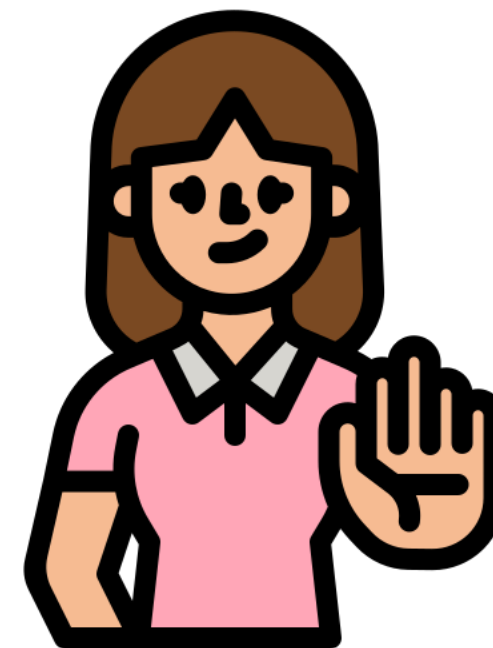


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