

Word of the Day

Spring Term 2025

Week 25 – 10th March 2025



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

This Week's Words

Grasshopper

cling

deal

glum

mutter

wrap

Shinobi

delay

erase

courage

anxious

discard



VOCABULARY NINJA

Grasshopper (Tier 1)

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Shinobi (Tier 2)

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Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

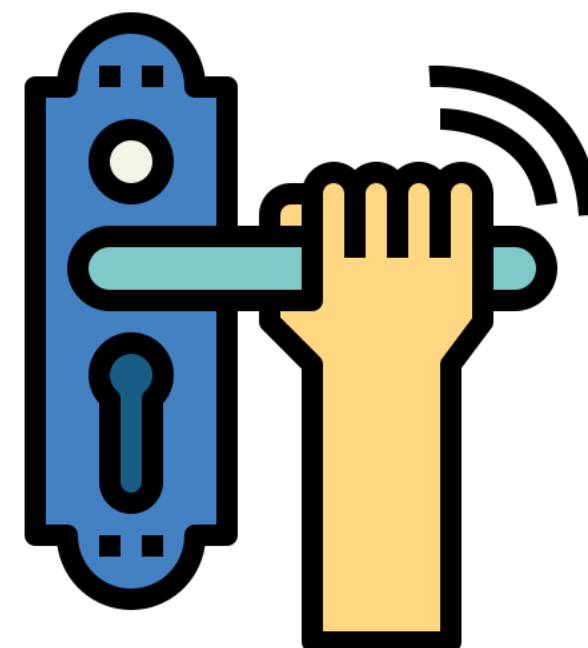
Pronunciation / Syllables

cling
(cling)

Word Class
(verb)

Definition:

If you cling to someone or something, you hold onto them tightly.



Carla had to **cling** to the door handle to stop it closing.

Synonym:

clasp

clutch

Antonym:

loose

unfasten

Prefix / Suffix:

-ing

-s

Rhyme:

thing

string

Link Word:

firmly

desperately



Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

Pronunciation / Syllables

deal
(*deal*)

Word Class
(noun / verb)

Definition:

If you make a deal, do a deal, or cut a deal, you complete an agreement or an arrangement with someone, especially in business.



Ms Till made a fair **deal** with the class for extra play time.

Synonym:

contact

pledge

Antonym:

disagreement

refusal

Prefix / Suffix:

-er

-ing

Rhyme:

real

feel

Link Word:

quickly

poorly



Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

Pronunciation / Syllables

glum
(glum)

Word Class
(adjective)

Definition:

Someone who is glum is sad and quiet because they are disappointed or unhappy about something.



Jill looked glum.

Synonym:

depressed

morose

Antonym:

cheerful

happy

Prefix / Suffix:

-ly

-ness

Rhyme:

come

some

Link Word:

look

visibly



Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

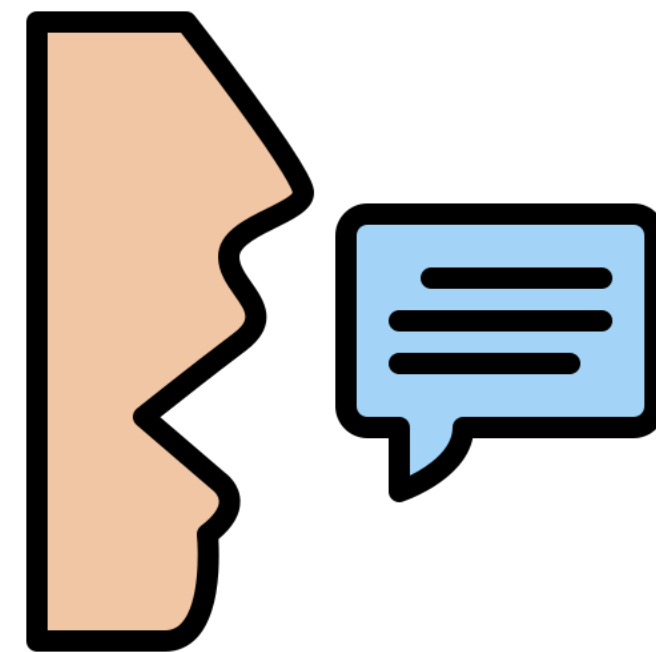
mutter
(*mut-ter*)

Word Class
(verb)

Pronunciation / Syllables

Definition:

If you mutter, you speak very quietly so that you cannot easily be heard, often because you are complaining about something.



Bo **muttered** the answer under his breath during the quiz.

Synonym:

complain

groan

Antonym:

speak clearly

Prefix / Suffix:

-ed

-ing

Rhyme:

butter

flutter

Link Word:

soft

nervously



Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

Pronunciation / Syllables

wrap
(wrap)

Word Class
(verb)

Definition:

When you wrap something such as a piece of paper or cloth round another thing, you put it around it.



Diya used tape to **wrap** the gift for Mrs Tate.

Synonym:

bind
swaddle

Antonym:

loosen
release

Prefix / Suffix:

un-
-ing

Rhyme:

map
trap

Link Word:

tightly
quickly



Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

Pronunciation / Syllables

delay
(de-lay)

Word Class
(verb / noun)

Definition:

If you delay doing something, you do not do it immediately or at the planned or expected time, but you leave it until later.



Mr Cook apologised for the **delay** in starting the lesson.

Synonym:

suspend

impede

Antonym:

permit

allow

Prefix / Suffix:

-ed

-s

Rhyme:

way

say

Link Word:

briefly

slightly



Shinobi Word of the Day

Word Class
(verb)

Word of the Day:

Pronunciation / Syllables

erase
(e-rase)

Definition:

If you erase something such as writing or a mark, you remove it, usually by rubbing it with a cloth.



Kim tried to **erase** her mistake.

Synonym:

delete

abolish

Antonym:

build

ratify

Prefix / Suffix

-ed

-ing

Rhyme:

case

place

Link Word:

completely

easily



Shinobi Word of the Day

Word Class
(noun)

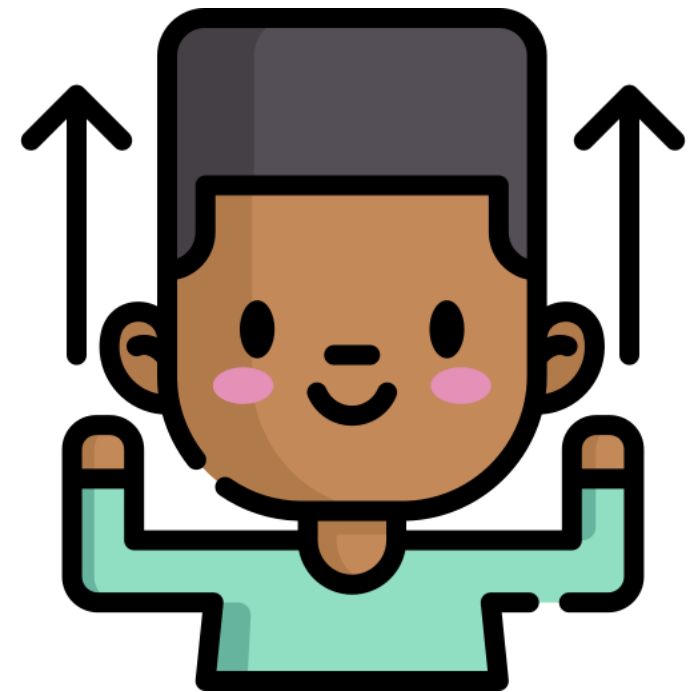
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courage
(*cour-age*)

Pronunciation / Syllables

Definition:

Courage is the quality shown by someone who decides to do something difficult or dangerous, even though they may be afraid.



Arlo showed great **courage** when he presented.

Synonym:

daring

valour

Antonym:

cowardice

meekness

Prefix / Suffix:

en-

-ous

Rhyme:

Link Word:

great

inner



Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

anxious
(*anx-ious*)

Word Class
(adjective)

Pronunciation / Syllables

Definition:

If you are anxious to do something or anxious that something should happen, you very much want to do it or very much want it to happen.



The class were **anxious** about the test.

Synonym:

afraid

concerned

Antonym:

calm

courageous

Prefix / Suffix:

over-

-ly

Rhyme:

Link Word:

visibly

increasingly



Shinobi Word of the Day

Word Class
(verb)

Word of the Day:

discard
(dis-card)

Pronunciation / Syllables

Definition:

If you discard something, you get rid of it because you no longer want it or need it.



Phil **discarded** his first draft of writing.

Synonym:

abandon

neglect

Antonym:

accept

retain

Prefix / Suffix:

-ed

-ing

Rhyme:

regard

bombard

Link Word:

hastily

quickly

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: cling

Word: glum

Word: deal

Word: wrap



Vocabulary Visualiser

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Word: delay

Word: courage

Word: erase

Word: discard



Matching Meanings

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Grasshopper Word

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Shinobi Word

Shinobi Definitions

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erase

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courage

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anxious

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discard

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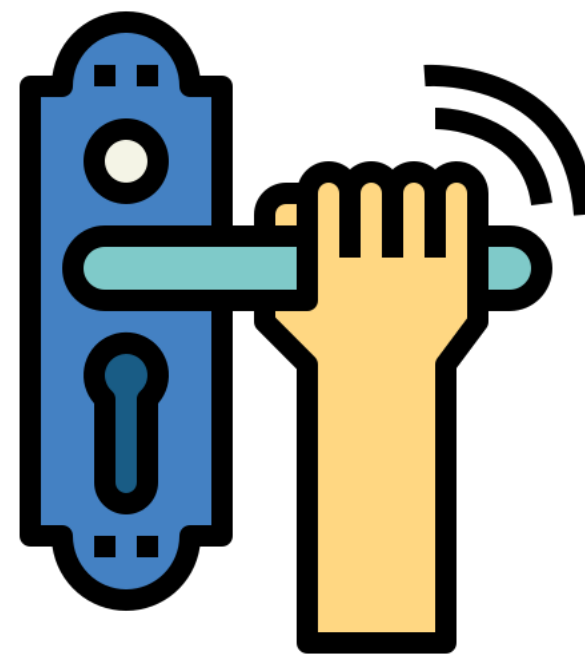
Display Slips

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.





cling

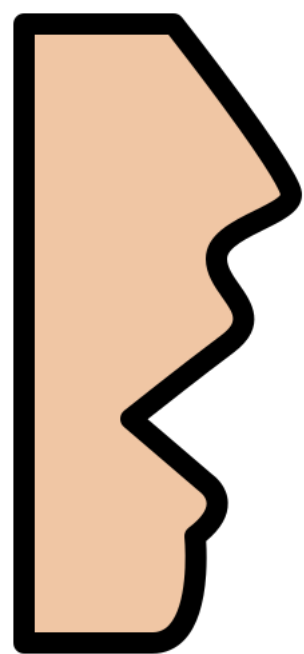
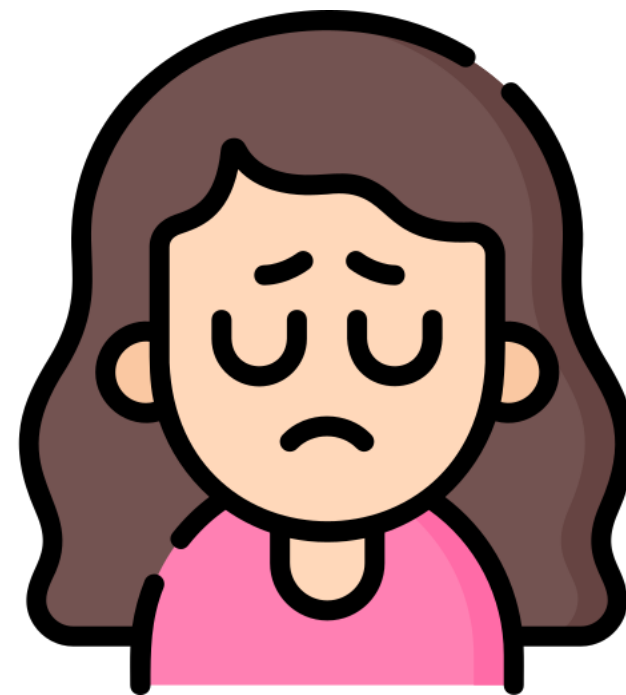


deal





glum



mutter





wrap

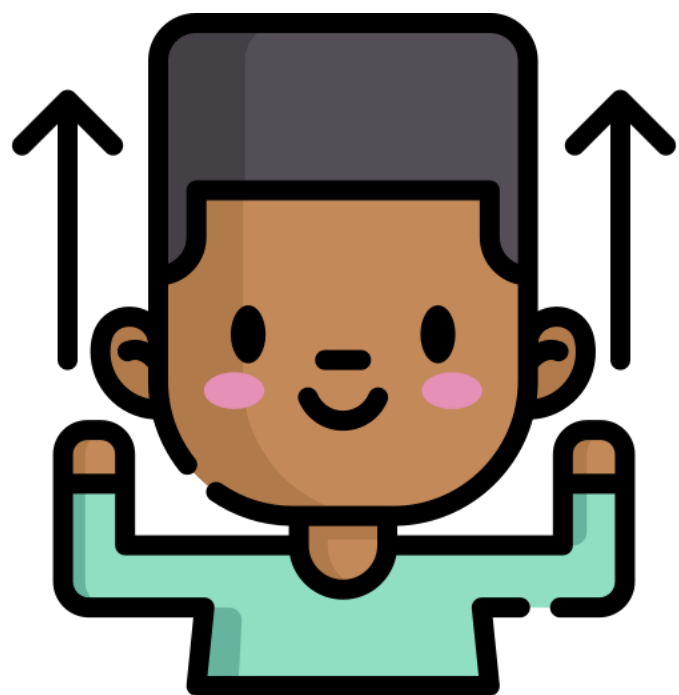


delay





erase

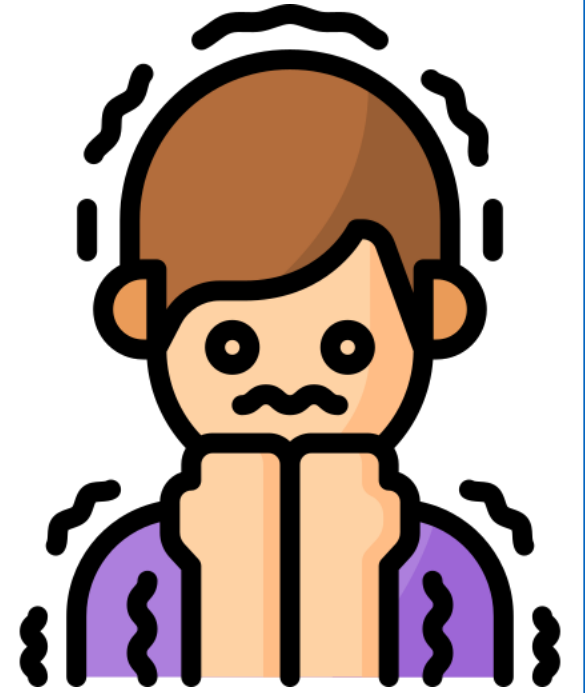


courage





anxious



discard





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

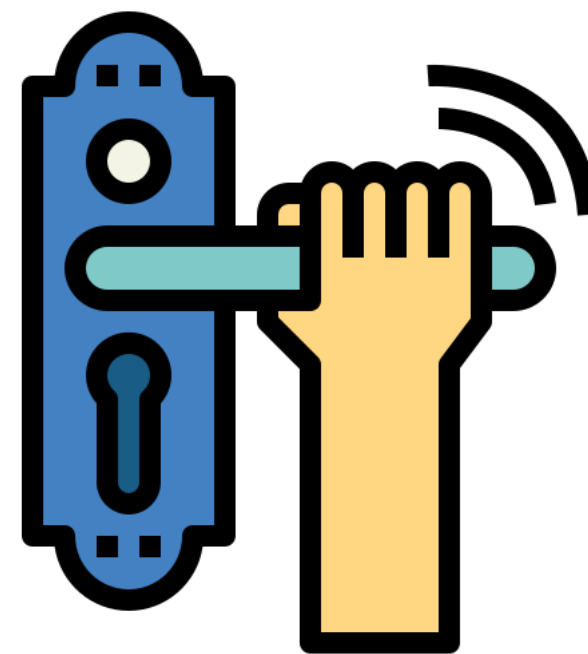


dia





cling

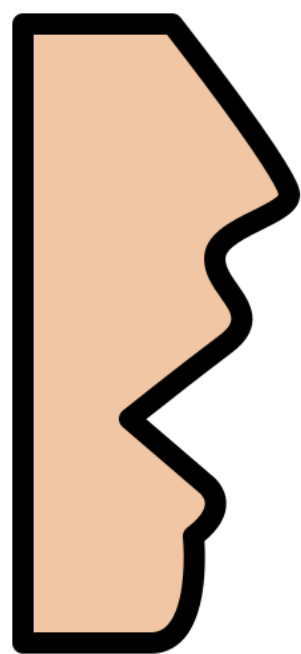


deal





glum



mutter





wrap

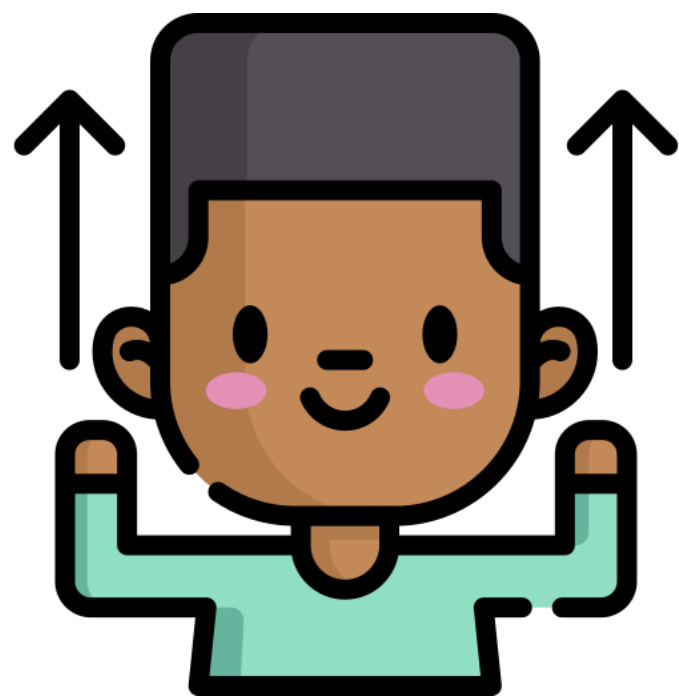


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