

# Word of the Day

## Summer Term 2025

Week 37 – 16th June 2025



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

# This Week's Words

## Grasshopper

**gaze**

**risk**

**stretch**

**surprise**

**test**

## Shinobi

**illusion**

**rotate**

**strict**

**swoop**

**trail**



**VOCABULARY NINJA**

# Grasshopper (Tier 1)

**gaze**

**risk**

**stetch**

**surprise**

**test**



**VOCABULARY NINJA**

# Shinobi (Tier 2)

**illusion**

**rotate**

**strict**

**swoop**

**trail**



**VOCABULARY NINJA**



# Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

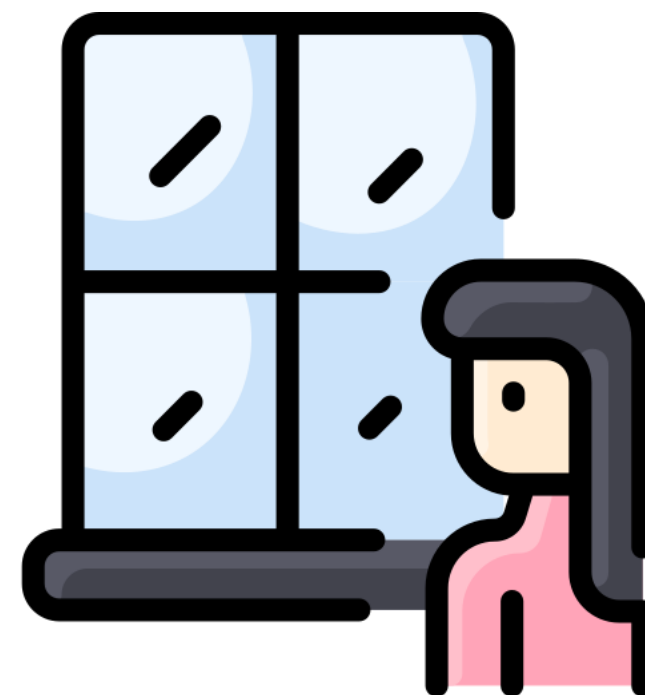
Pronunciation / Syllables

**gaze**  
(gaze)

Word Class  
(verb / noun)

Definition:

If you gaze at someone or something, you look steadily at them for a long time.



Nelly **gazed** out of the window during the lesson.

Synonym:

glare

peep

Antonym:

overlook

scorn

Prefix / Suffix:

-ing

-ed

Rhyme:

days

praise

Link Word:

steady

distant



# Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

Pronunciation / Syllables

risk  
(risk)

Word Class  
(noun / verb)

Definition:

If there is  
a risk of something unpleasant,  
there is a possibility that it  
will happen.



Li took a **risk** by presenting her own theory.

Synonym:

hazard

peril

Antonym:

safety

security

Prefix / Suffix:

-ing

-ed

Rhyme:

disk

brisk

Link Word:

great

acceptable



# Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

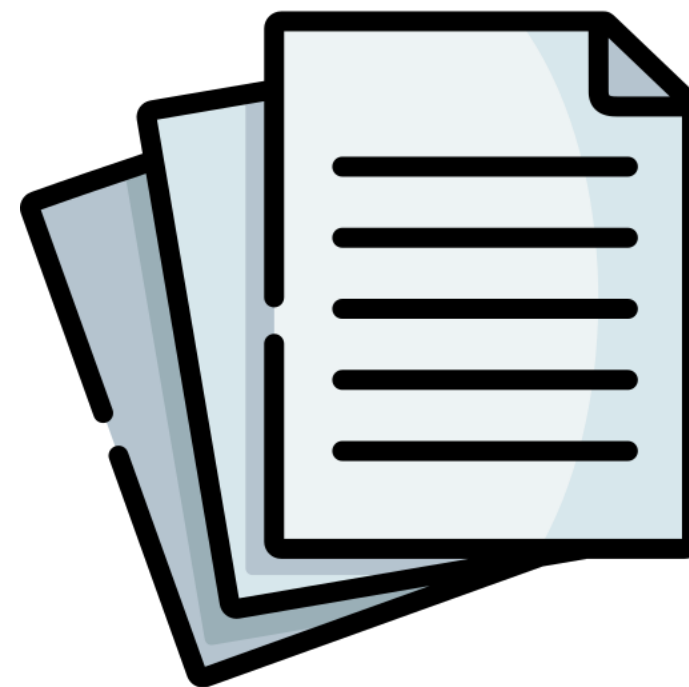
**stretch**  
(stretch)

Word Class  
(verb / noun)

Pronunciation / Syllables

## Definition:

Something that stretches over an area or distance covers or exists in the whole of that area or distance.



The worksheets **stretched** across the table.

Synonym:

extend

span

Antonym:

close

contract

Prefix / Suffix:

re-

-able

Rhyme:

fetch

etch

Link Word:

slowly

gentle



# Grasshopper Word of the Day

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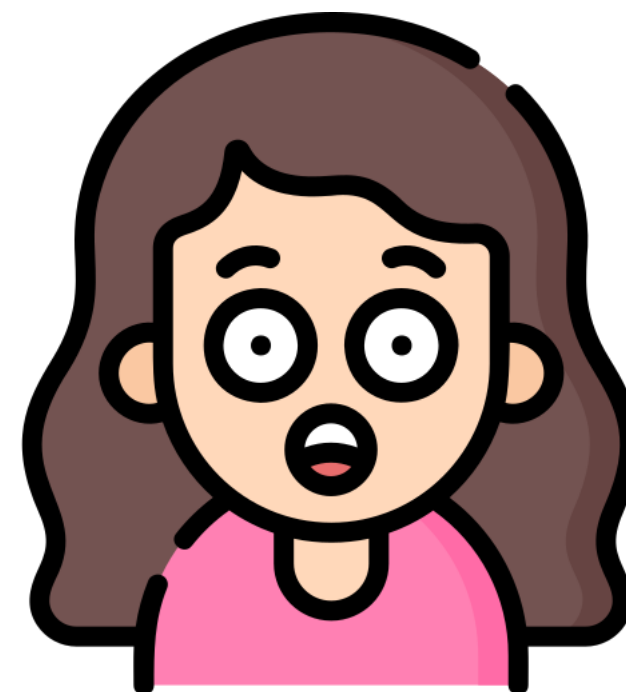
Pronunciation / Syllables

**surprise**  
(*sur-prise*)

Word Class  
(noun / verb)

Definition:

A surprise is an unexpected event, fact, or piece of news.



The class were given a **surprise** quiz.

Synonym:

awe  
wonder

Antonym:

composure  
expectation

Prefix / Suffix:

-ing  
-ed

Rhyme:

size  
arise

Link Word:

pleasant  
shocking





# Grasshopper Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

Pronunciation / Syllables

test  
(test)

Word Class  
(verb / noun)

## Definition:

When you test something, you try it, for example by touching it or using it for a short time, in order to find out what it is, what condition it is in, or how well it works.



The class **tested** to see if their pens were working.

Synonym:

assessment

trial

Antonym:

conclusion

Prefix / Suffix:

re-

-ing

Rhyme:

best

west

Link Word:

difficult

final



# Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

Pronunciation / Syllables

illusion  
(il-lu-sion)

Word Class  
(noun)

Definition:

An illusion is a false idea or belief.



Ms Henry showed an **illusion** that tricked the class.

Synonym:

delusion

myth

Antonym:

fact

reality

Prefix / Suffix

-s

-ary

Rhyme:

conclusion

confusion

Link Word:

false

vivid



# Shinobi Word of the Day

Word Class  
(verb)

Word of the Day:

**rotate**  
(ro-tate)

Pronunciation / Syllables

Definition:

When something rotates or when you rotate it, it turns with a circular movement.



The class were asked to **rotate** the globe to find Australia.

Synonym:

pivot

twirl

Antonym:

straighten

untwist

Prefix / Suffix:

-ation

-ing

Rhyme:

Link Word:

slowly

loudly



# Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

Pronunciation / Syllables

**strict**  
(strict)

Word Class  
(adjective)

Definition:

A strict rule or order is very clear and precise or severe and must always be obeyed completely.



Mrs Preston was **strict** about homework.

Synonym:

stern  
tough

Antonym:

gentle  
tolerant

Prefix / Suffix:

over-  
-ly

Rhyme:

licked  
picked

Link Word:

overly  
unfairly



# Shinobi Word of the Day

Word Class  
(verb)

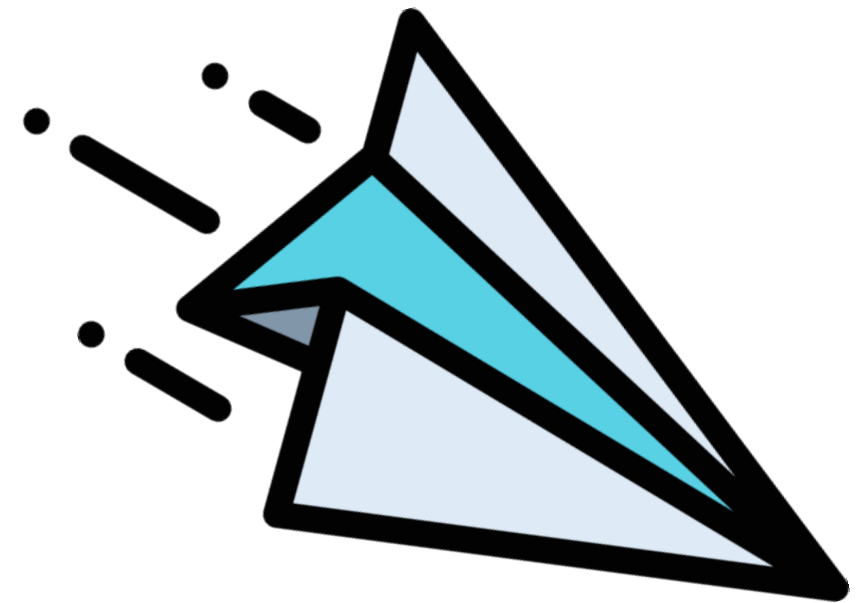
Word of the Day:

Pronunciation / Syllables

**swoop**  
(swoop)

## Definition:

When a bird or aeroplane swoops,  
it suddenly  
moves downwards through the air  
in a smooth curving movement.



The paper plane began to **swoop** across the room.

Synonym:

dive

plummet

Antonym:

rise

ascend

Prefix / Suffix:

-ed

-ing

Rhyme:

loop

scoop

Link Word:

sudden

fast



# Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

Pronunciation / Syllables

trail  
(*trail*)

Word Class  
(verb / noun)

## Definition:

If you trail someone or something, you follow them secretly, often by finding the marks or signs that they have left.



The students **trailed** behind Mr Barry in the line.

Synonym:

falter  
lag

Antonym:

advance  
hasten

Prefix / Suffix:

-ed  
-ing

Rhyme:

scale  
mail

Link Word:

slowly  
quietly

# 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: gaze

Word: stretch

Word: risk

Word: surprise





# Vocabulary Visualiser

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



Word: rotate

Word: swoop

Word: strict

Word: trail



# Matching Meanings

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



## Grasshopper Word

## Grasshopper Definitions

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# Matching Meanings

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## Shinobi Word

## Shinobi Definitions

illusion

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rotate

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strict

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trail

When something \*\*\* or when you \*\*\* it, it turns with a circular movement.





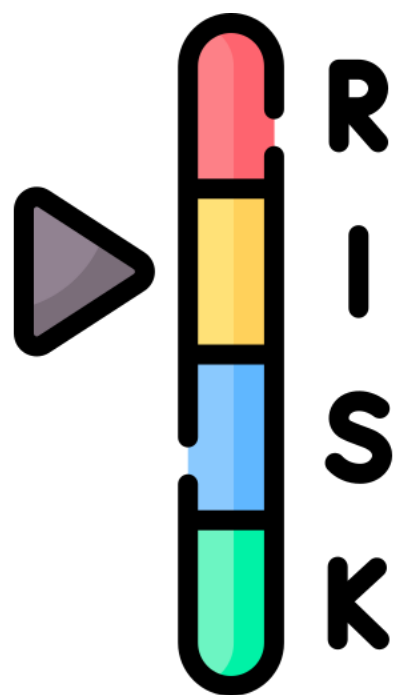
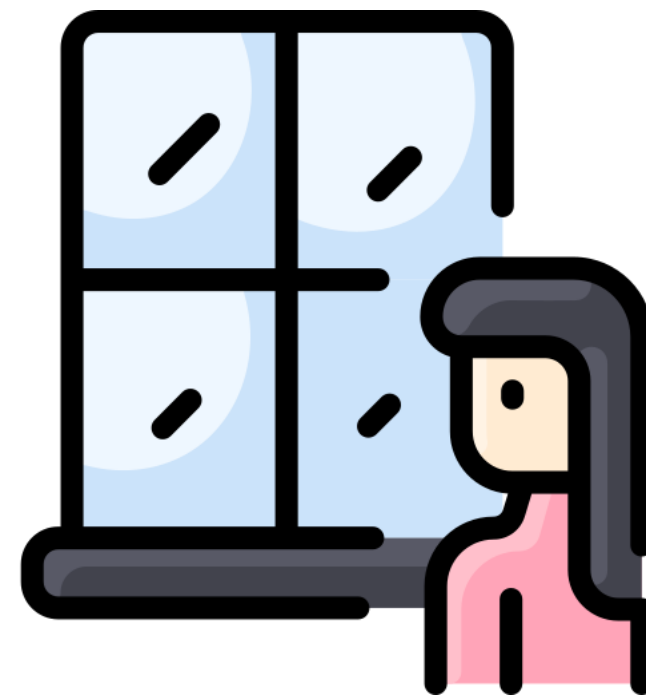
# Display Slips

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.





# gaze

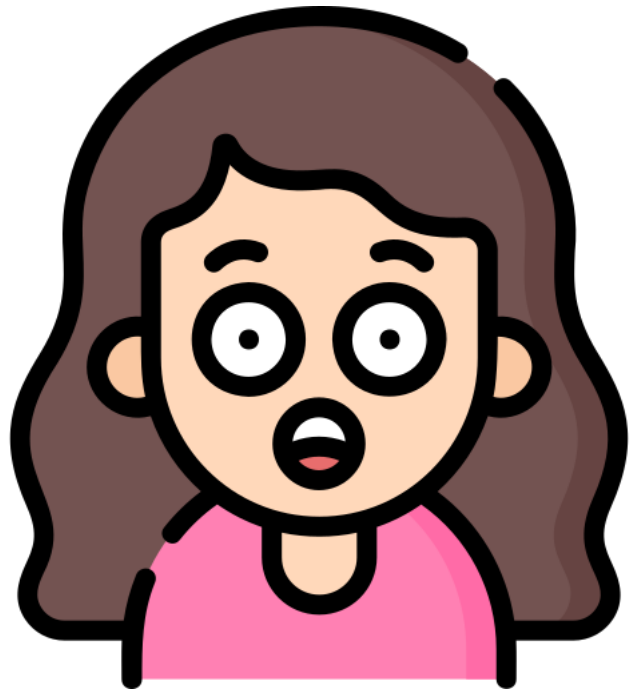
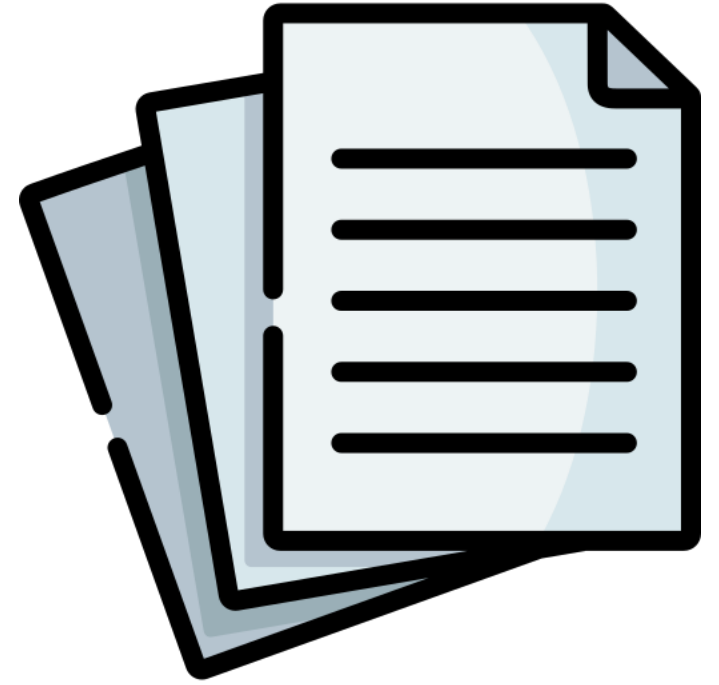


# risk





# stretch

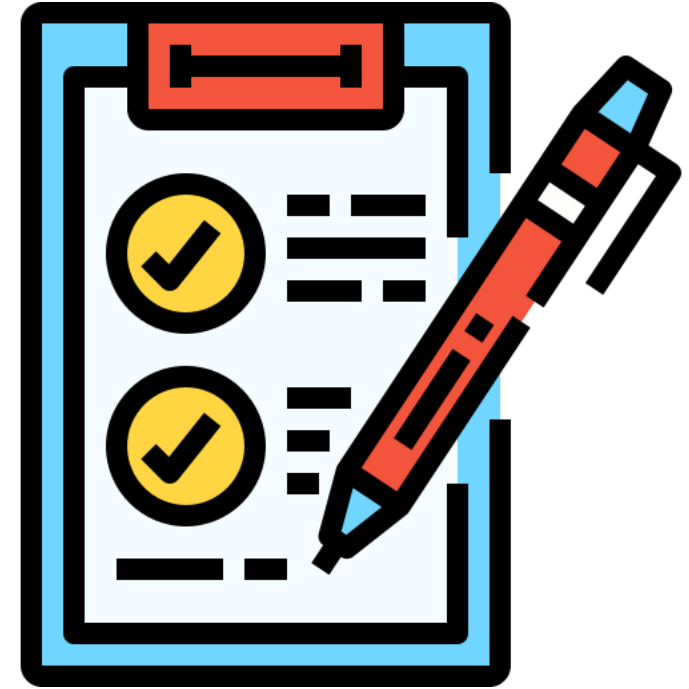


# surprise





# test



# illusion





# rotate



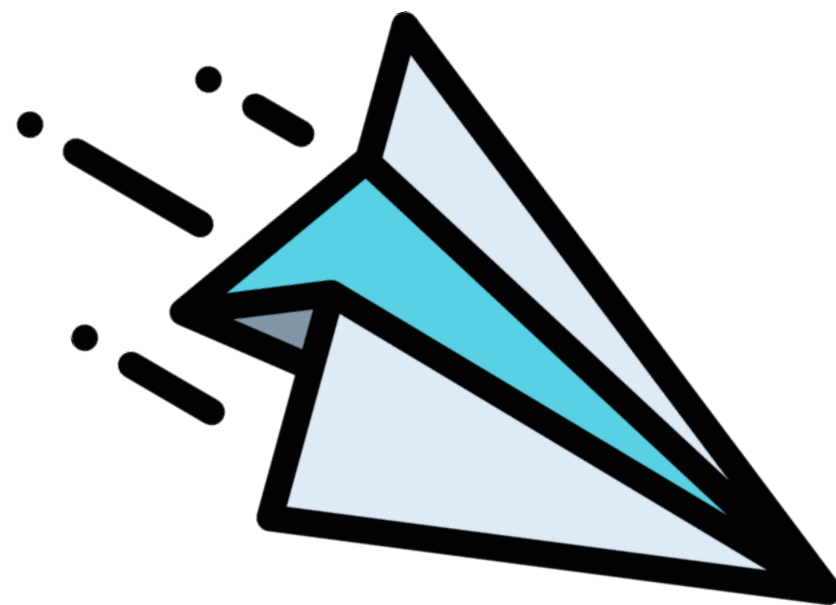
# strict







# SWOOP



# trail





# 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

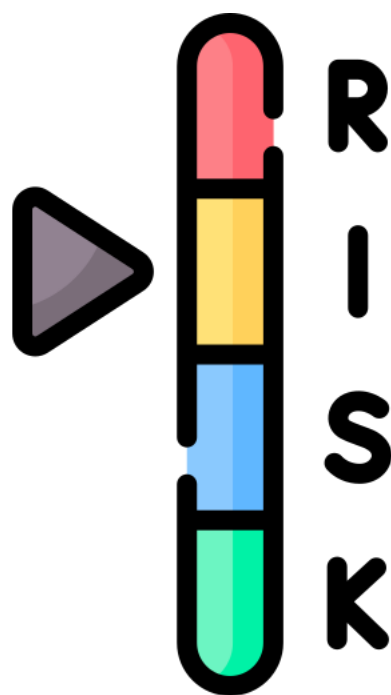
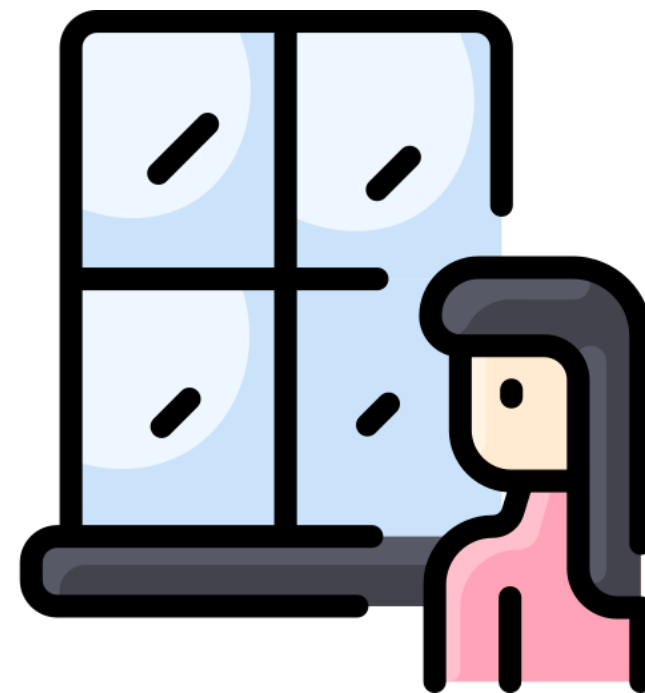


dia





# gaze

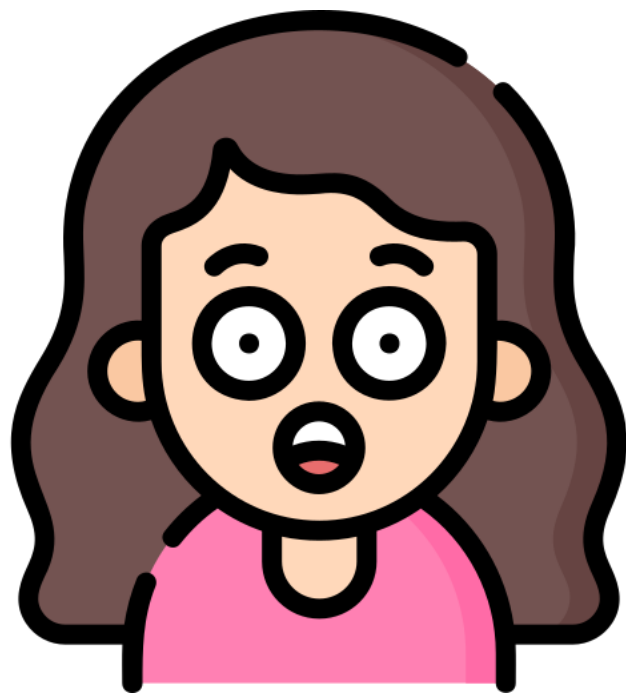
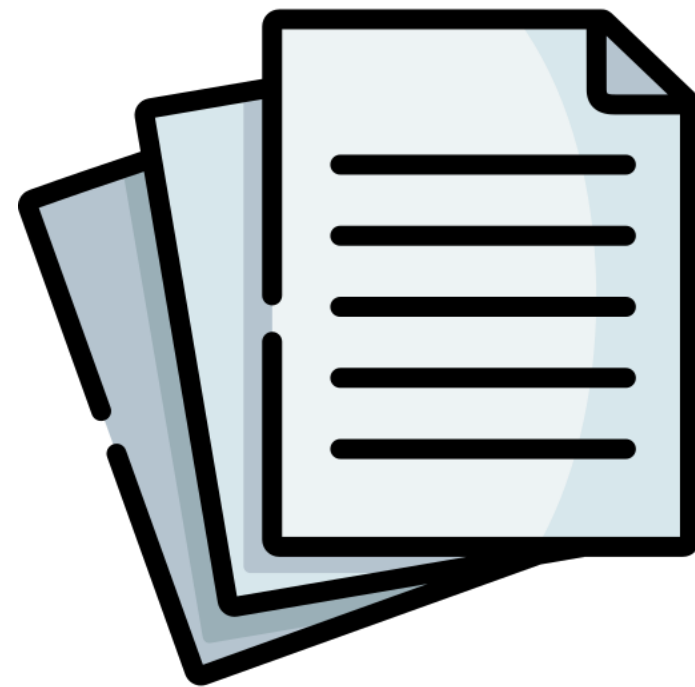


# risk





# stretch



# surprise





# test



# illusion





# rotate

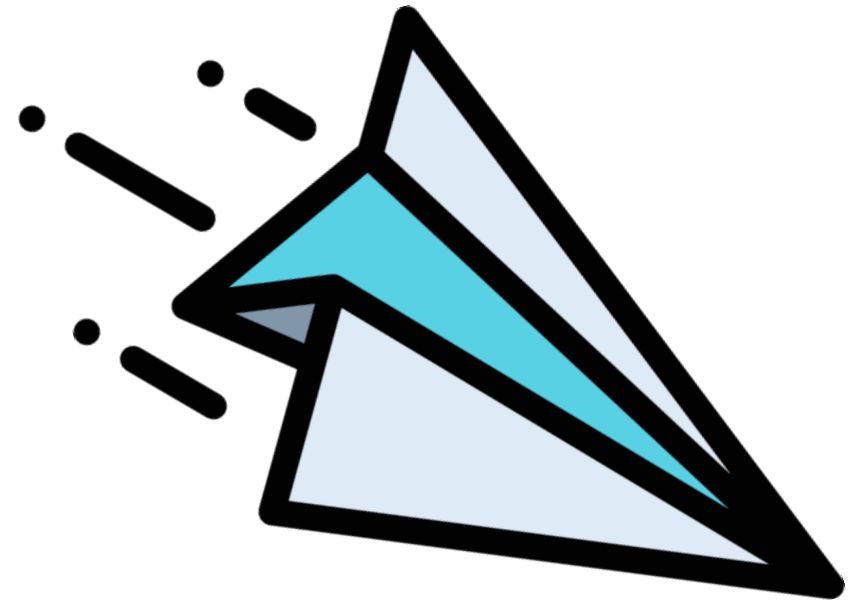


# strict





# swoop



# trail

