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WORD NINJA SQUAD

ACTIVITY PACK NUMBER ONE



One of the most important steps in becoming a ninja is learning Japanese! You can use this ninja skill when talking to other ninjas or giving Blade orders when you fight off evil creatures. But you're a new addition to our team, so I need to show you the ropes! Here are eight super important words that all ninjas should know!

こんにちは

kon-nee-chee-wah

こんにちは means hello!
I say it to Futoshi every time I see him, and he always says it back.

さようなら

sah-yoh-nah-rah

さようなら means goodbye. I said it to George once and he looked at me funny, but that's because he's not a ninja like you and I are.

いただきます

ee-ta-da-kee-ma-su

いただきます means thank you for the meal. We say it before we eat food because all ninjas have good manners!

すごい

soo-goh-i

すごい means amazing. Futoshi and I use it to compliment each other after we do good work!

こんばんは

kon-bahn-wah

こんばんは means good evening.
Make sure you don't say こんにちは if it's getting late!

ありがとう

ございます

ah-ree-ga-toh go-zai-ma-su

ありがとうございます
means thank you. You should say it to me for teaching you this Japanese!

ごちそうさま

go-chee-soh-sa-ma

ごちそうさま also means thank you for the meal, except you say it after you finish eating!

にんじゃ

nin-ja

Obviously you know what a にんじゃ is! But isn't it super cool to see it written in Japanese?

I know I'm a すごい にんじゃ (amazing ninja, in case you're still struggling to read it) but are you one too?

Real ninjas can speak, read and write Japanese, so make sure you practice by tracing the words on this page and copying them in the empty boxes!

Hello

こんにちは

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Good evening

こんばんは

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Goodbye

さようなら

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Thank you

ありがとうございます

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Thank you for the meal (before eating)

いただきます

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Ninja

にんじゃ

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Thank you for the meal (after eating)

ごちそうさま

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Amazing

すごい

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TOP 10

FACTS ABOUT NINJAS:



Futoshi and I have decided in order to become a certified, 100% approved member of our word ninja squad, you need to learn about ninjas! Here a few really cool facts about them:

1. Ninjas were not always called ninjas! Before the 20th century, they were known as “shinobi”.



Isn't that wild? Watch out for our next issue where you can learn how to say and spell shinobi.

2. The most vicious and scariest of ninjas were females! They were known as kunoichi. Female ninjas were often underestimated, meaning they were INCREDIBLE at gathering information and carrying out assassinations!



They also used really cool hairpins called “kanzashi”. They could be used for weapons or poisonings!!

3. Rice isn't just for becoming strong like Futoshi; they were also used to send secret messages for shinobis. Each different colour of rice meant something different!



Did you know rice wasn't just white? There's red, black and brown coloured rice too!

4.

Being a ninja isn't just about beating evil. You also need to learn about everything from explosives to all types of trade so you can blend in.



Ninjas are the best at disguises... If they had to be a farmer, they had to know how to use farming tools and be dressed like one! Not all ninjas were dressed as cool as Futoshi.

5.

You need to learn to be REALLY REALLY sneaky as a ninja, so to hide their footsteps, they used crickets! They would mix crazy chemicals to make crickets chirp and this would hide the sounds of their footsteps!!!



Futoshi doesn't remember what chemicals they use so I just tiptoe and make sure to be as quiet and still as possible. One time I was so quiet, Mrs Tippet marked me as absent from the role, even though I was right in front of her!

6.

WAAYY way back in the old days, shinobis didn't have watches so instead, they used nekome-jutsu. Cats are very sensitive to light so depending on how bright or dark it is, the size of their pupils changed shape!



What a great time it would have been as an original ninja... If you were late, how would anyone know! Then my mum wouldn't sigh loudly as she tried to get me to school because she wouldn't know the time to know I was late!!

7.

To disappear, ninjas would keep a bunch of ash in an eggshell and would throw it to make a cloud.



I tried this once when fighting an army of slime monsters, but I ended up giving Vi a sneezing fit... Sorry Vi!!

8.

Being a ninja was often inherited via their family. The skills were handed down from older family members to the youngest (if they were worthy, of course!)



Older ninjas would start teaching their kids through games when they were younger than me!

9.

Ninjas have their own hierarchy; “jonin” (upper class), “chunin” (middle class) and “genin” (lower class).



It's kinda like how Futoshi is my teacher and I'm yours!

10.

Shinobis LOVED when people exaggerated their skills and achievements as it made them look even scarier.



This meant people thought they had special SUPER powers, but remember everything I say about myself is 100% pure fact!

What was your favourite fact? Draw it in the box below and make sure to make it as ninja-like as possible!!

We just learnt that ninjas used different coloured grains of rice to send secret messages. And that's cool — *super cool* — but I came up with something even cooler!

												
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M

												
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

This is my secret alphabet! See how every emoji matches up to a letter? Now to test it out, I've written a message for you out of emojis, and you need to figure out what I'm trying to say!



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JUNO'S LIST OF THE FUNNIEST, BESTEST

JOKES!

What do you
call a deer
with no eyes?

No-eyed deer
(get it: no
idea!!)

Did you hear
about the book
I'm reading on
anti-gravity?

It is impossible
to put down!

What type of
sandals do
frogs wear?

Open-toad!

How do you
organise a
space party?

You Planet!

Did you hear
the rumour
about the
butter?

Well I am
not going to
spread it!

If you have 10 apples
in one hand and 15
bananas in the other,
what do you have?

Big hands!

What does the
cow use to do
maths homework?

A cow-culator!

Why was the
skeleton sad about
going to the party?

Because he had no
body to go with!

Why can't a
leopard hide?

Because he
is always
spotted!



Dum!





Find these names in
this word search!



F	E	I	L	V	D	A	O	I	G	T	S	I	F	U
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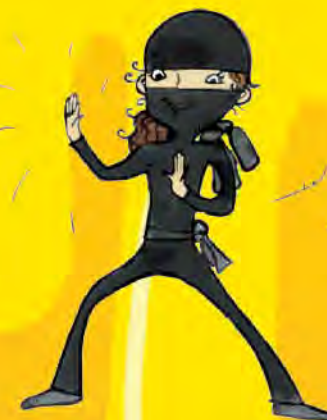
Juno Bluey Violet Futoshi
Paloma Miss Tippet George Bella

HOW TO:

MAKE EASY-PEASY NINJA-STYLE PANCAKES

You will need:

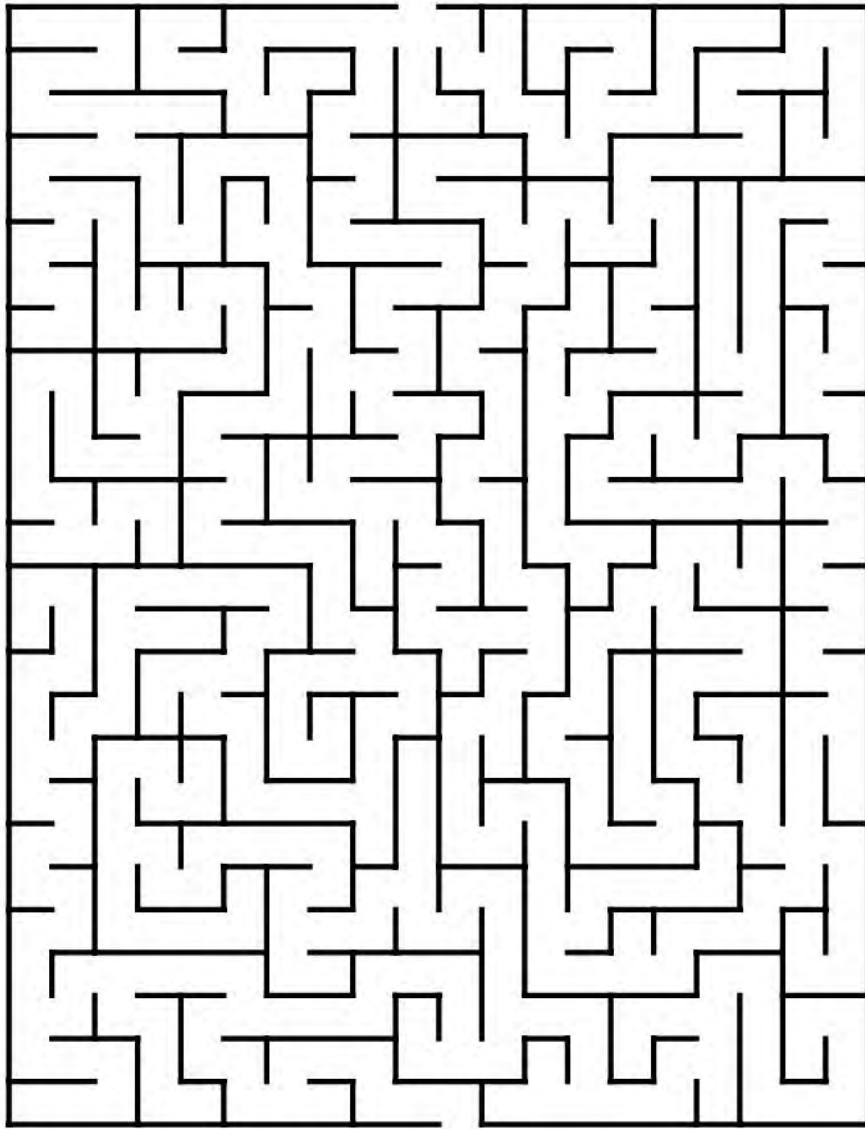
- 1 big bowl for mixing
- 1 drinking cup
- 1 cup of self-raising flour
- 1 cup of milk
- 1 spoonful of sugar
- 1 egg
- If you want to add extras, like choc chips or blueberries, go for it!!
- 1 pan
- Butter



This is the **EASIEST** recipe for the **YUMMIEST** pancakes.
All you have to do is:

1. Use a normal drinking cup (or a measurement cup) to measure out the self-raising flour and the milk.
2. Pour these into your bowl and add your egg and sugar. If you are adding extras, now is the time!
3. Mix these together until the batter is smooth.
4. Now, heat up the pan on the stove. Put a bit of butter to grease the pan.
5. Pour a bit of the batter onto the pan (you can pour the batter in the usual circle or try get creative with the shapes... personally I always try to make a Blade-shaped unicorn but it never turns out quite right). Make sure to have parent supervision!!!
6. Plate up! Put the cooked pancakes on the plates and get ready to eat.
7. Now this is the most important thing: time to add toppings!! Lemon and sugar, maple syrup, Nutella, butter and sprinkles to make fairy bread-pancakes and MORE!

Vi is stuck on the other side of this abhorrent₁ maze! Help me get to her before Smelly Bella and the Smell-Belles find her first!



G O  A L

₁ Similarly to nefarious, abhorrent means wicked or evil.

HOW TO:

MAKE YOUR VERY OWN BOOK COVER

One of the BEST things about my book series is my artwork (obviously, I drew it all!)... but it could always be improved! So I would like YOU to give it your best shot! You can choose to do *Juno Jones, Word Ninja*; *Juno Jones, Mystery Writer*; or both!

You will need:

1x plain A4 paper
Scissors (use with adult supervision!)
Drawing utensils (crayons, graphite, highlighters... whatever you've got!)
Any decorations you deem necessary!
My book, of course!



1. First, wrap your piece of paper around the book and mark where the paper goes over the book.
2. Next, cut the paper down to the size of the book.
3. Now time to draw!!! Make sure to include my name and the title of the book... You can put your name down as the illustrator if you like!
4. When you are done, take a photo and send it to the Yellow Brick Books Facebook Page!

ANSWERS

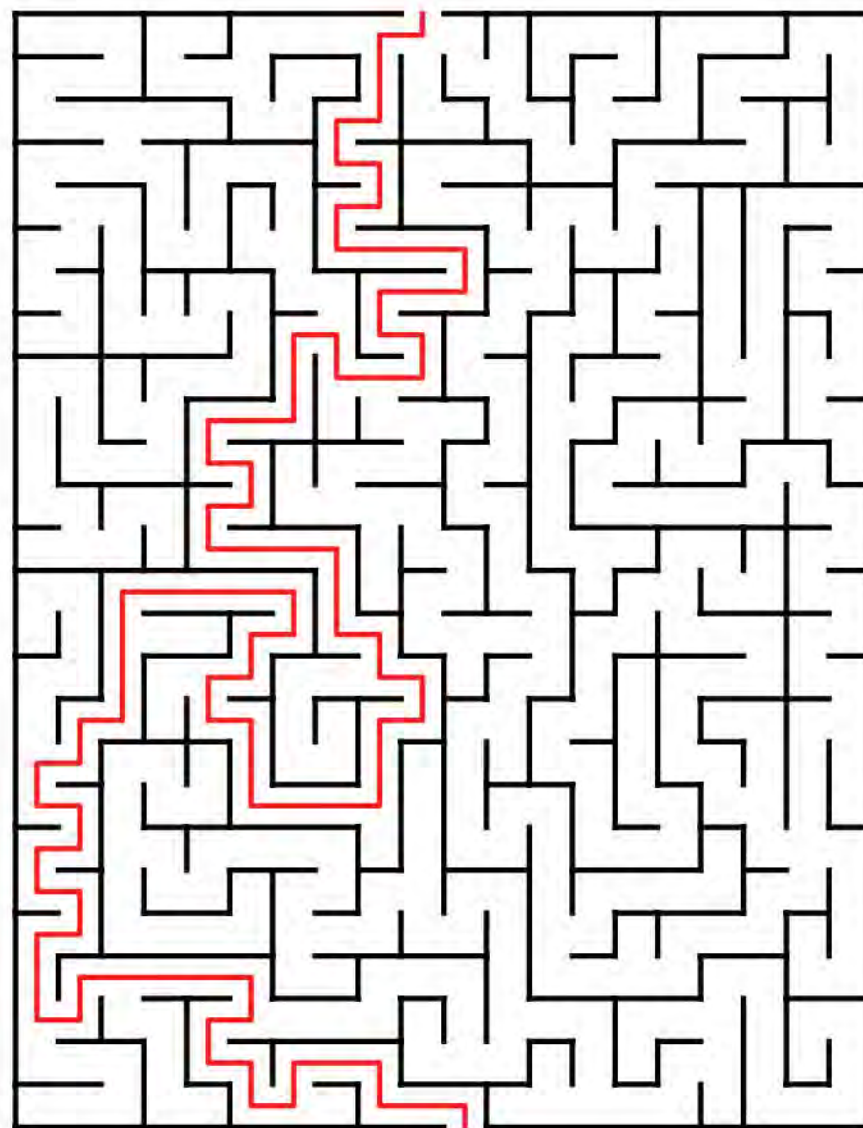
DECODE-THE-MESSAGE

HELP! SMELLY BELLA FOUND MY SECRET CHEESE STASH!

WORD SEARCH

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U	N	E	F	O	I	P	T	C	R	G	Z	E	L	B
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MAZE



Did you get everything right? See you next week for lots more fun!