

BE COOL – STAY AT SCHOOL

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Definition.



- TRUANT
 1. A lazy, idle person.
 2. A pupil who stays away from school without permission.
 3. A person who neglects his or her work or duties.

- TO PLAY TRUANT – stay away from school, be absent.



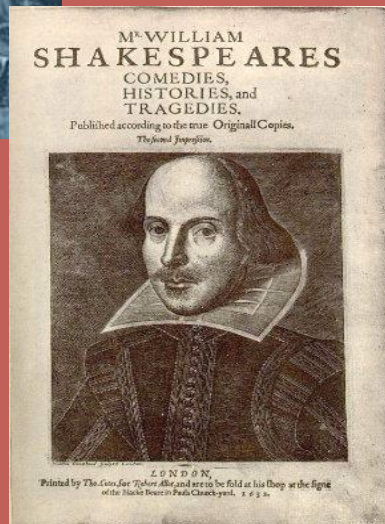
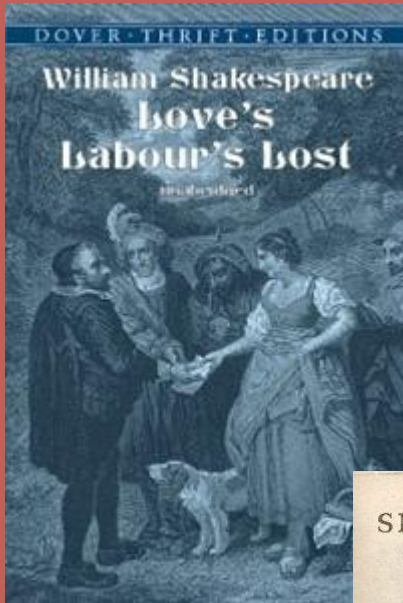
The origin of the word “truant.”

- A truant was originally a “beggar” or a “vagrant.” It was borrowed from Old French “truand” (a vagabond) in 13th century.



William Shakespeare

Love's Labour's Lost



- **Rosaline.** Another of these students at that time 550
Was there with him, if I have heard a truth.
Biron they call him; but a merrier man,
Within the limit of becoming mirth,
I never spent an hour's talk withal:
His eye begets occasion for his wit; 555
For every object that the one doth catch
The other turns to a mirth-moving jest,
Which his fair tongue, conceit's expositor,
Delivers in such apt and gracious words
That aged ears **play truant** at his tales 560
And younger hearings are quite ravished;
So sweet and voluble is his discourse.

Truancy in the UK.

- More than a million children a year play truant from school.
- 66,000 pupils play truant every day.



Michelle Boorman did not miss one of 2,660 school days.



Why do students play truant?

Truancy is an educational, social and law enforcement problem.

- **Child.**

1. Low self- esteem.
2. Low academics.
3. Socially isolated.
4. Childhood depression.
5. To escape bullying at school.
6. Fear of school, teachers and administrators.
7. The truant has no interest at school.

- **Family.**

1. Ineffective parenting.
2. Familial instability.
3. Financial difficulties.
4. Alcoholic parent.

- **School.**

1. Poor pupil- teacher relationships.
2. Lack of parents- school communication.

- **Community.**

1. Lack of support for school.
2. Negative peer influences.



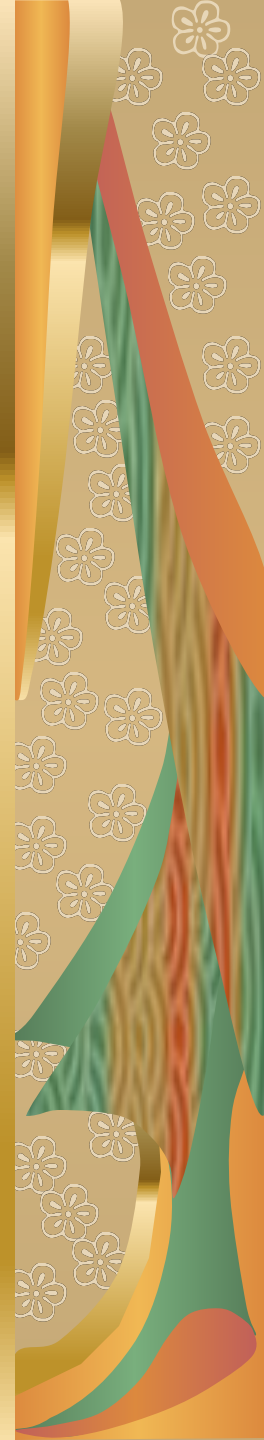
DAD SAID THAT
EXPERIENCE IS THE
BEST TEACHER, SO
I CUT SCHOOL AND
WENT TO THE
VIDEO ARCADE!

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The consequences of truancy.
Truancy is a gateway to serious
violent and nonviolent crime.





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Combating Truancy.

- Electronic registration.



Regular sweeps of town centres by police and education welfare staff.



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'ARE YOU PLAYING TRUANT SIR?'

Parents can be fined up to 2,500 and /or be put in prison to three months

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'IT'S THE SCHOOL RUN'



Truancy can affect everyone in the family.

The Law...

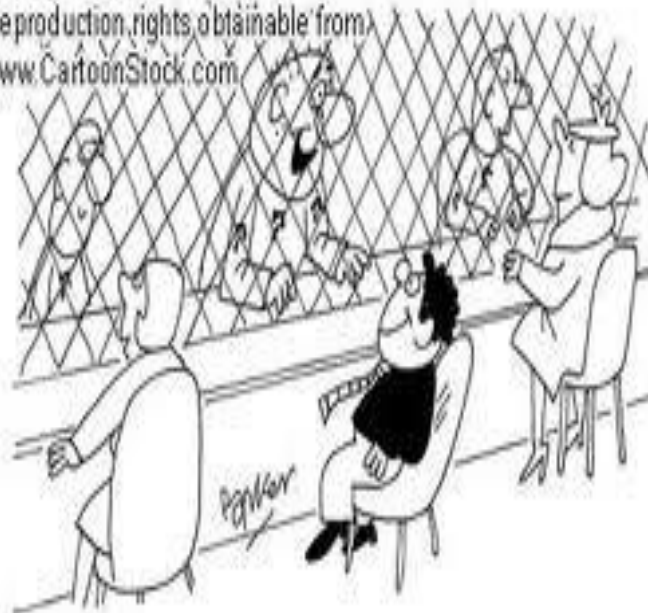
Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000

The law says it is your parents responsibility to make sure that you go to school. If you don't go, they could be fined up to £2,500 or be jailed for a maximum of three months.

How would your family be affected by a large fine or a jail sentence?



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"THAT'S MY BOY — PLAYING TRUANT TO VISIT HIS DEAR OLD DAD!"

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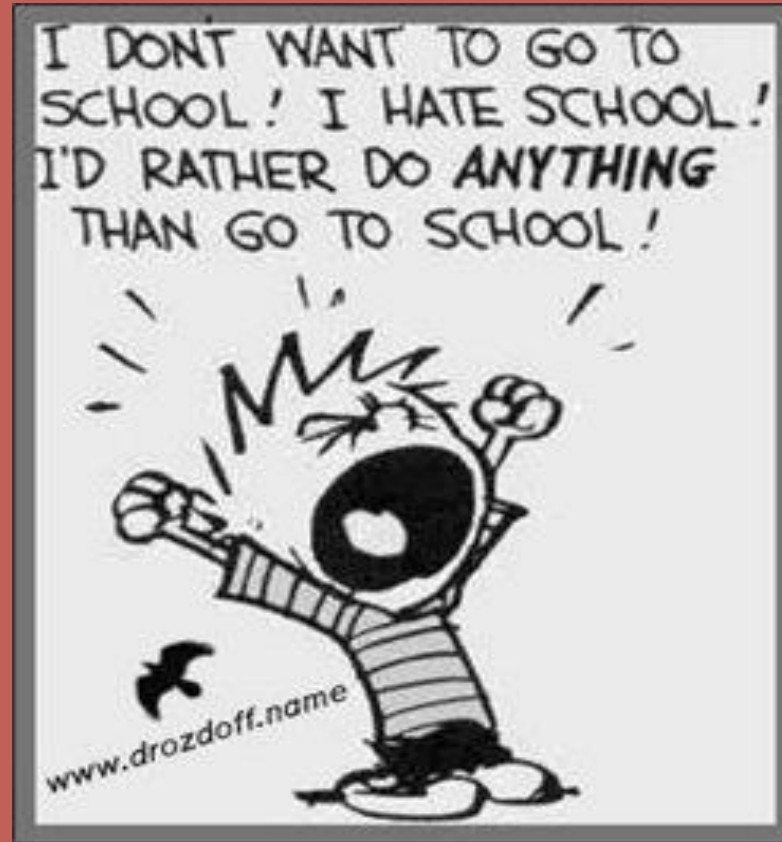
Truancy in Russian schools.

- Officially, truancy is not a problem in Russia.



Truancy in MPL.

- 15% of students think that truancy hasn't led to more serious problems.
- 85% think truancy is bad.
- Never skip school
40% of the students.



Conclusion.

- Spring comes. Are you going to play truant?



Literature.

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