

# 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.

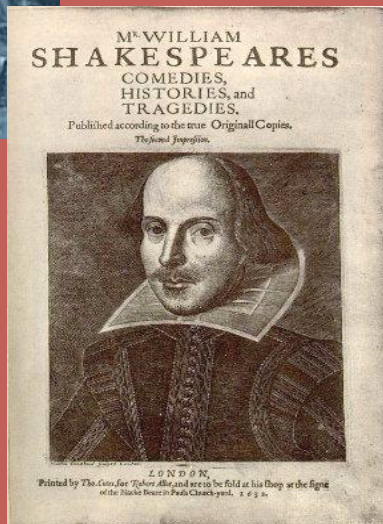
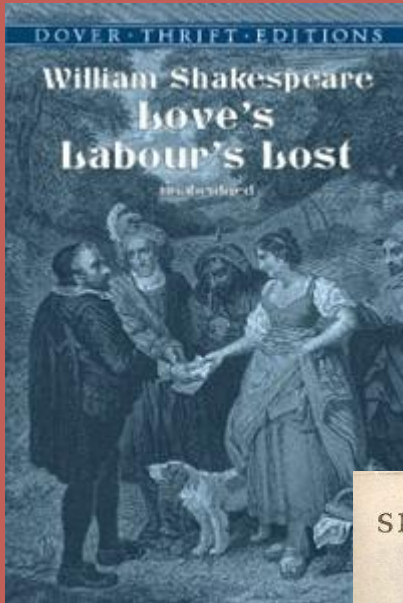
# The origin of the word “truant.”

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



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EXPERIENCE IS THE  
BEST TEACHER, SO  
I CUT SCHOOL AND  
WENT TO THE  
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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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months

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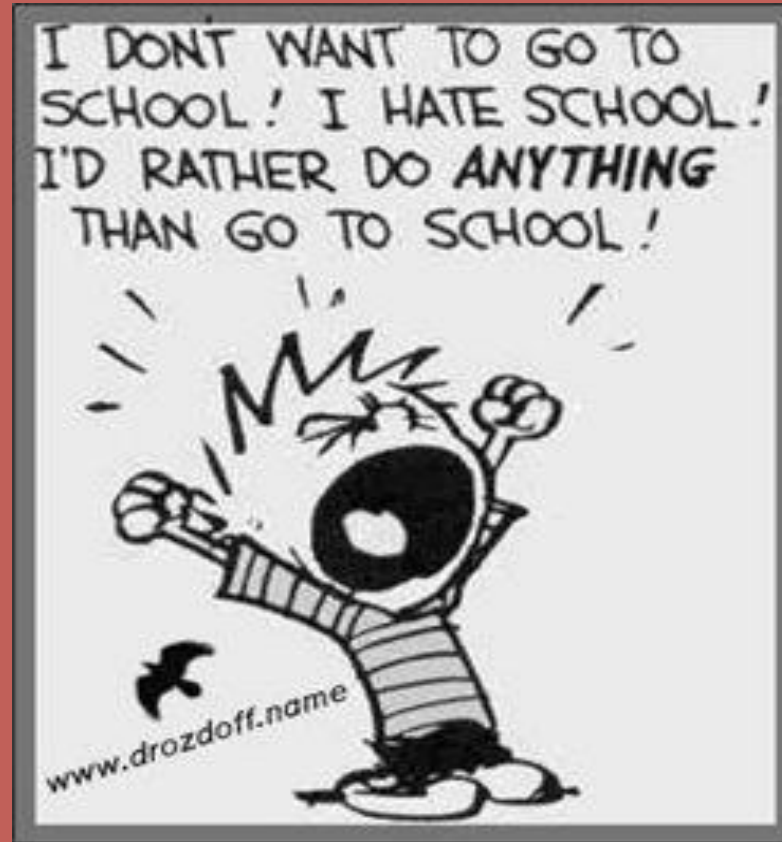
# Truancy in Russian schools.

- Officially, truancy is not a problem in Russia.



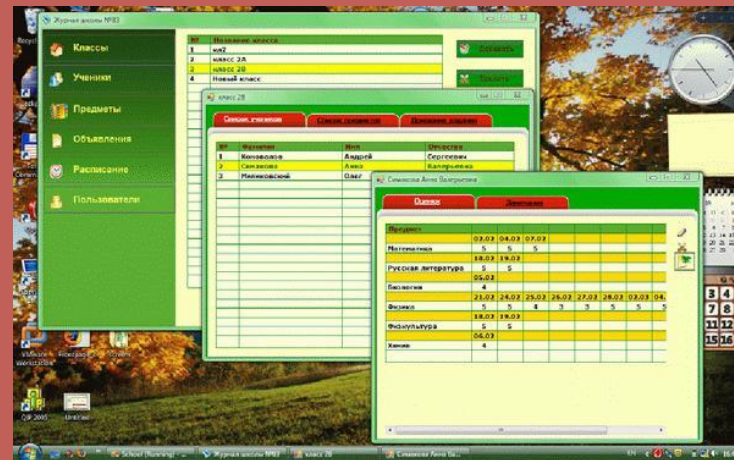
# Truancy in MPL.

- 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.



# Electronic Diary.

- The Russian government promises until 2012 to introduce electronic diaries in all Russian schools.



# Conclusion.

- Spring comes. Are you going to play truant?



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