

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.



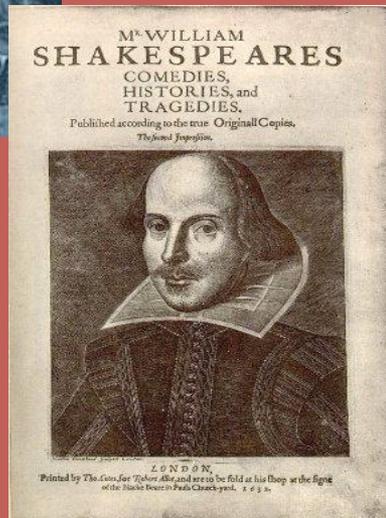
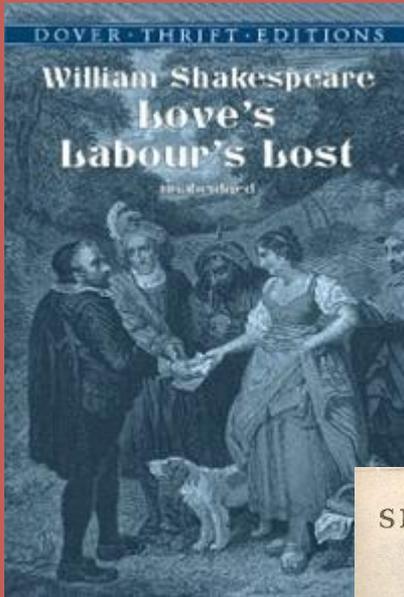
The origin of the word “truant.”

- 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.



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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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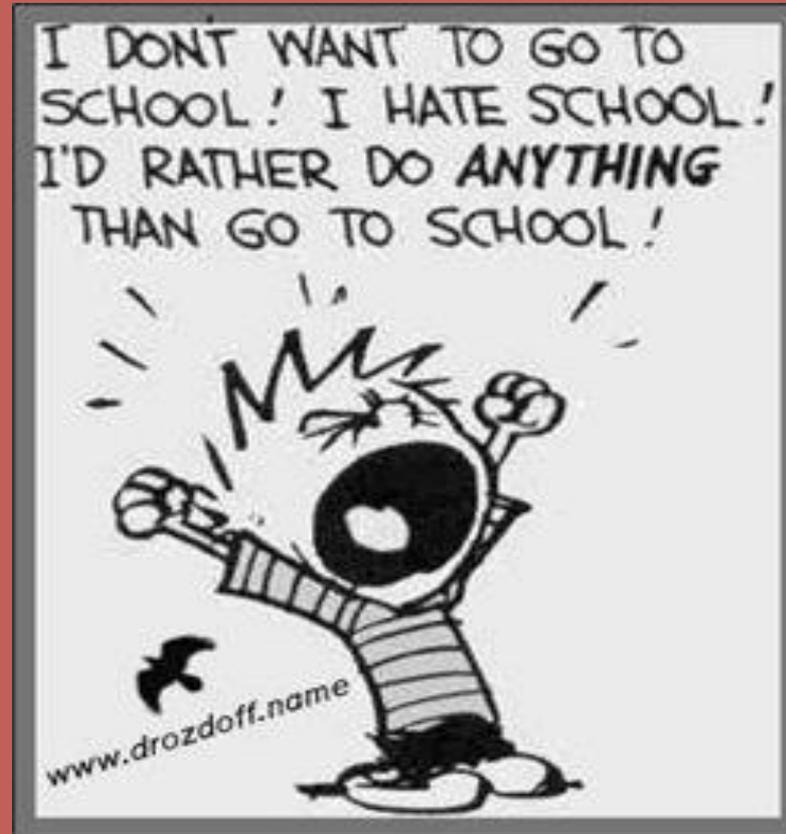
Truancy in Russian schools.

- Officially, truancy is not a problem in Russia.



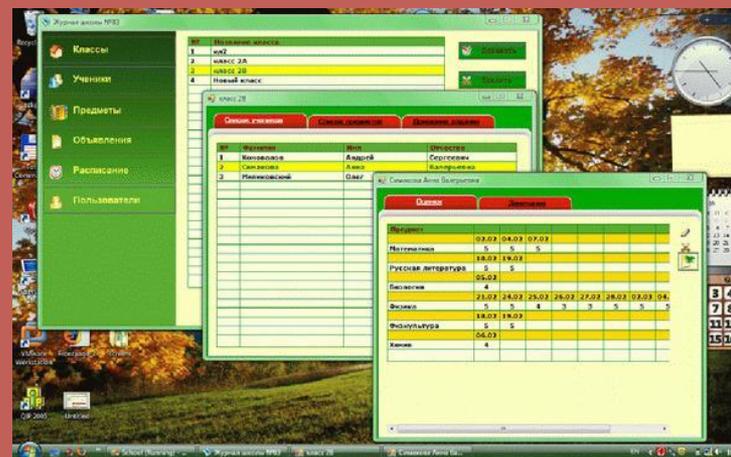
Truancy in MPL.

- 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.



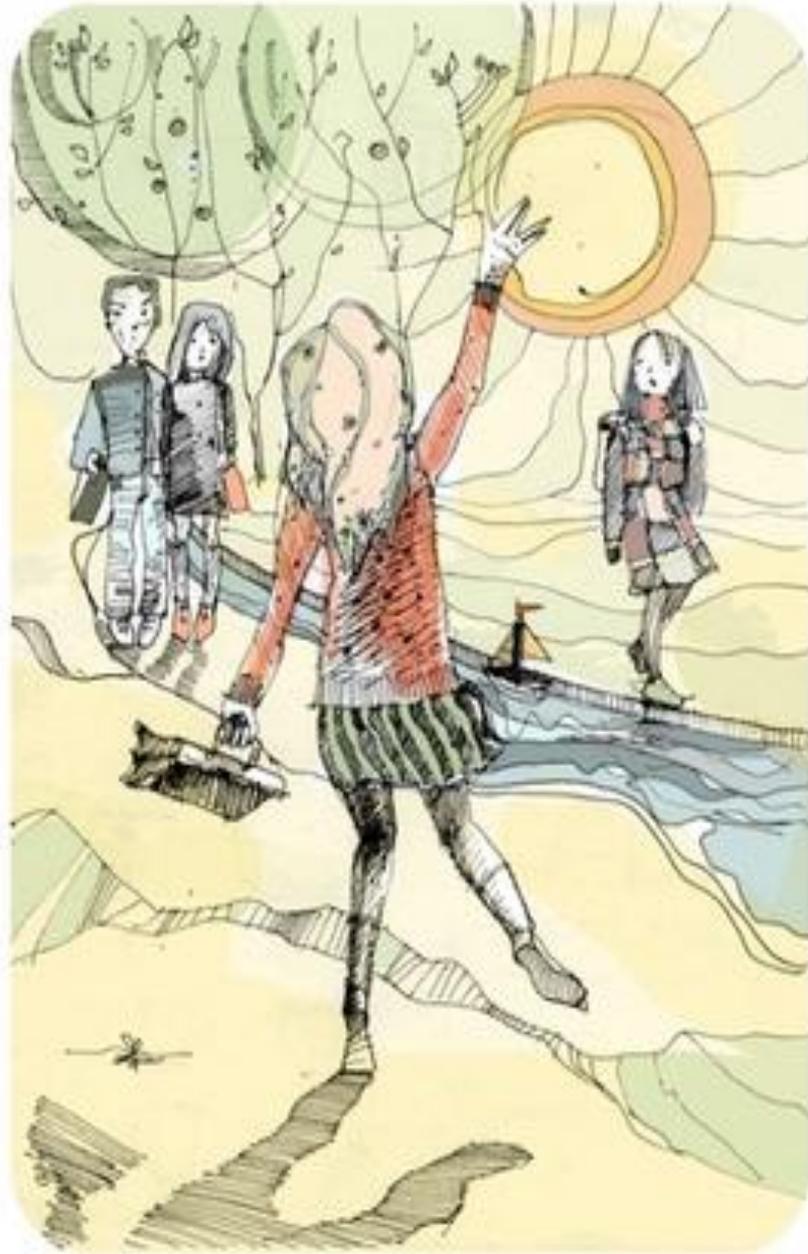
Electronic Diary.

- 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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