

## Back to school - Glossary

**awful** adjective

used for saying how unpleasant someone or something is

*These awful people behind us talked all through the film.*

**bored** adjective

feeling impatient or dissatisfied, because you are not interested in something or because you have nothing to do.

*Oh, I'm so bored!*

**boring** adjective

not at all interesting, and making you feel impatient or dissatisfied

*Our maths teacher is so boring!*

**break** noun

a short holiday

*a weekend break for two in Florence*

**envious** adjective

unhappy because you want very much to do something that someone else does or to have something that they have

*He was envious of the local boys who could see her every day.*

**forever** adverb

for all time in the future, or for as long as you can imagine

*They promised to love each other forever.*

**freedom** noun

the state of being able to go anywhere and do anything without being stopped

*I opened the cage and gave the bird its freedom.*

**GCSE** noun [count]

General Certificate of Secondary Education: an examination in a wide range of subjects taken by students in England and Wales, usually at the age of 15 or 16

**give someone a lift** phrase

an occasion when someone takes you somewhere in their car.

*I can give you a lift into town.*

**hang out** phrasal verb

to spend time in a particular place or with particular people

**headteacher** noun [count]

a teacher who is in charge of a school.

**homework** noun [uncount]

work that a teacher gives a student to do out of class

*Have the kids done their homework?*

**issue** noun [count]

a problem that needs to be considered

*A big issue in the region is that teachers are so underpaid.*

**mate** noun [count]

a friend

*He's over there, talking to his mates.*

**mess around** phrasal verb

to behave in a silly way, especially when you should be working or paying attention to something

*Stop messing around – I'm serious about this!*

**miles away** phrase

a long distance from something

*They live miles away from the nearest town.*

**miss** verb [transitive]

to wish you still had something or could still do something

*I'm missing our lunchtime drinks on Friday.*

**separate** verb

to take or move people apart

*The teacher separated the boys who were fighting.*

**sweet** adjective

kind, gentle, or nice to other people

*Caroline was the sweetest little girl I have ever looked after.*

**switch off** phrasal verb

to stop listening to someone, or to stop thinking about something

*He just switches off and ignores me.*

**tiny** adjective

extremely small

*The floor was covered in tiny bits of paper.*