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The World of Languages
and Languages of the World

Back to School

Objectives

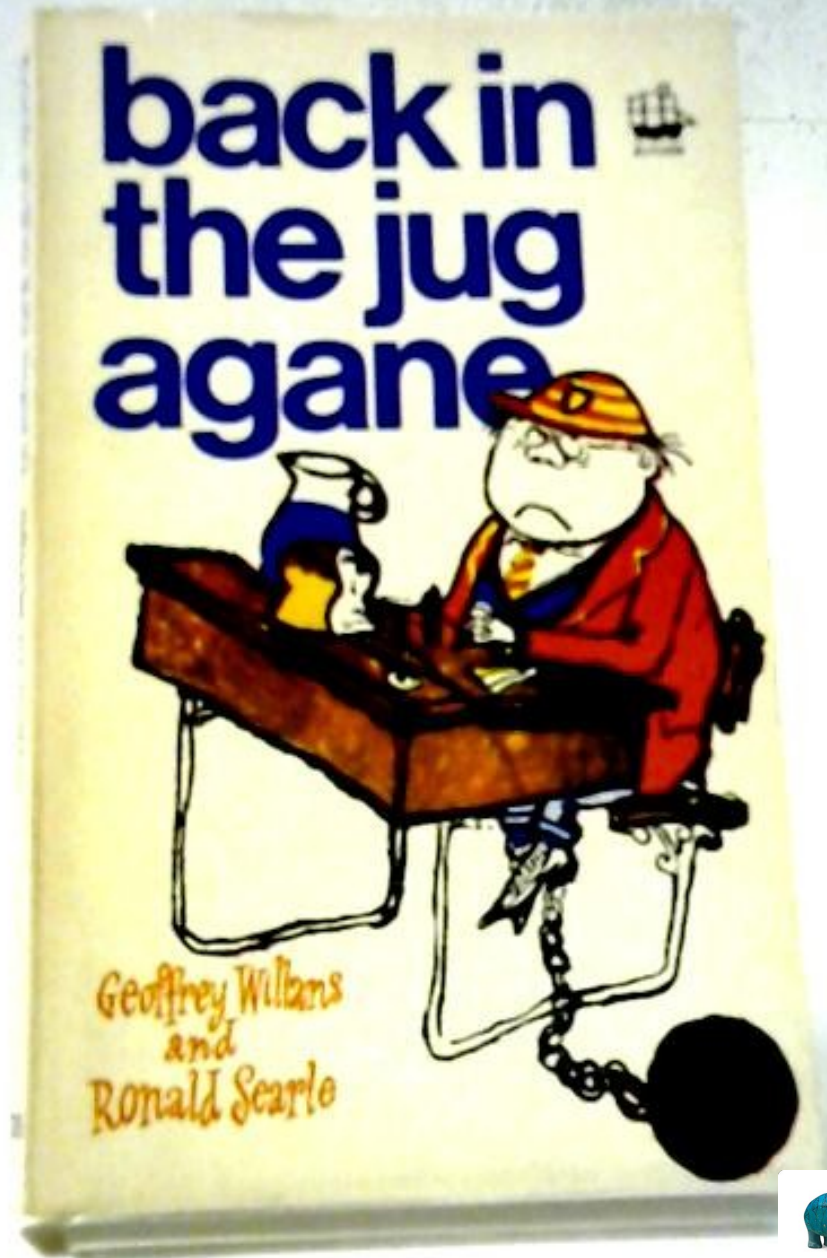
- We will investigate the origins of school-related words
 - We will build your vocabulary
 - We will get your linguistic brains back in gear in your first WoLLoW lesson after a long break.
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- Let's go....



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Back to school ... again. **Let's go!**

1. Is this how you are feeling?
2. Why is there a ball and chain around the boy's leg?
3. So, what's a "jug" in this instance?
4. How many possible ways are there to spell "again"?



What would your title be if you wrote a book about going back to school?

“I need hardly tell you the essential thing about a football i.e. nobody need tell *me* to get rid of it. i do not want it in the first place. Wot is the use of having a soaking wet piece of leather pushed at you? Give me a hadock every time, at least you can eat it.”

Geoffrey Willians from *Back in the Jug Agane*.

Can you spot the four intentional errors in the passage?



You're alright - it could be worse....

In the Olympic games of 492 BC, they say Cleomedes of Astypalaia killed a man called Hikkos of Epidaurus in a boxing match.

He was disqualified by the Greek judges and lost his victory. He went out of his mind from grief.

He went home to Astypalaia and attacked a school there where there were sixty boys: he knocked down the pillar that held up the roof, and the roof fell in on them.



Which subjects can you spot in this image?



School

Greek:

σχολή - *scholē* originally meant 'leisure' or 'rest' and then moved on to mean 'discussion, debate' and then to 'school'.

Latin:

schola originally meant 'leisure', 'conversation' and then 'school'.

ludus means 'game' or 'sport' and then went on to mean elementary school:
cf. Playschool

English:

School means an institution for educating children.



How to spell (or how not to spell) 'school'.

How many ways can you spell school?

On the next slide, we've thought of 20 ways (taking different accents into account).

Work together to think of ten.

Challenge? Go for 20!

Here's your first one: 1) scool



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How to spell (or how not to spell) 'school'.

scoel, scol, scoul, scule, scull,
scwyll, skoole skule, scoll, scolle,
scoule, skol, skole, scole, scoole,
schole, scool, schol, school, schooll.

Did you think of any others?



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Pupils and Teachers.

A matching game

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|-----------------------------|--|
| 1. pupil - pupillus/pupilla | a. a French word leçon -
lectio - Latin [reading] |
| 2. student | b. magister scholae (Latin) |
| 3. teacher | c. a Saxon word |
| 4. schoolmaster | d. orphan (Latin) |
| 5. lesson | e. studeo - I study (Latin) |



Pupils and Teachers: The Answers

pupil - pupillus/pupilla = orphan (Latin)
[pupa means doll and the pupil in the eye is because the image looks like a little doll]

student - studeo - I study (Latin)

teacher - a Saxon word

schoolmaster - magister scholae (Latin)

lesson - a French word leçon - lectio - Latin
[reading]



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My timetable.

Can you fill in the subjects?

Your options are on the next slide, if you need them!

Subjects (in English)	Derivation	Meaning
	μάθημα - mathēma μαθηματικός - mathēmatikos	a lesson someone who learns
	Old English	'a West Germanic language'
	ἄριθμός - arithmos ἀριθμέω - arithmeō	number I count
	γῆ - gē μετρέω - metreō	earth I measure
	scio	I know
	φυσικά - phusika	natural things
	al-kīmīā (الكيمياء).	alchemy
	βίος - bios λόγος - logos	life word, study
	γῆ - gē γράφω - graphō	earth I write
	ἱστορία - historia	asking questions
	μουσική - mousikē	poetry/music cf. Muses



Options: History; Geography; Mathematics; Biology; Music; Geometry; Chemistry; Arithmetic; English; Physics; Science

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My timetable: The answers



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**Why has
St Jerome
got a lion
in his
study?**



The young Cicero reading



The Duke of Urbino reading to his son



WoLLoW would like to know...

How are you feeling about
being back at school?

Can you think of other
works of art where people
are reading or studying?

Do you know where the
word mathematics come
from?



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