

# THE CLASSROOM DICTIONARY

**ADDITION** /ə'dɪʃən/ - The process of adding numbers or amounts together in order to get a total.

**APOSTROPHE** /ə'pɒstrəfi/ - 1) A mark (') used to show that letters or numbers are absent.

2) A punctuation mark (') used before the letter 's' to show that something belongs to someone or something.

**BAG** /bæg/ - A container made of paper, plastic, etc, used for carrying things.

**BIN** /bɪn/ - A container that is used to put waste in.

**BLACKBOARD** /'blækbo:d/ - A large board with a dark surface that teachers write on with chalk.

**BOOK** /bʊk/ - A set of pages fastened together in a cover for people to read.

**BOOKCASE** /'bʊkkeɪs/ - A piece of furniture with shelves for putting books on.

**BRACKETS** /'brækɪts/ - Two curved lines ( ) used around extra information.

**BREAK UP** /breɪk ʌp / - To stop the activity you are doing to have a short rest.

**CALCULATOR** /'kælkjələtətə/ - An electronic device that you use to do mathematical calculations.

**CALENDAR** /'kæləndər/ - Something that shows all the days, weeks, and months of the year.

**CAMCORDER** /'kæm,kɔ:dər/ A camera that you can hold in your hand and that takes moving pictures.

**CAPITAL LETTER** /'kæp.ɪ.təl 'letə/ - A letter of the alphabet in the form and larger size that is used at the beginning of sentences and names.

**CARETAKER** /'keə,tɪkər/ - Someone whose job is to look after a large building, such as a school.

**CHAIR** /tʃeər/ A seat for one person, with a back, usually four legs, and sometimes two arms.

**CHALK** /tʃɔ:k/ A small stick of chalk that is used for writing and drawing.

**CLASSMATE** /'klɑ:smet/ - Someone who is in your class at school or college.

**CLASSROOM** /'klɑ:sru:m/ - A room in a school where students have lessons.

**COLON** /'kɒlən/ - A mark (:) used before a list, an example, an explanation, etc

**COMMA** /'kɒmə/ - A mark (,) used to separate parts of a sentence, or to separate the items in a list.

**COMPULSORY** /kəm'pʌlsəri/ - If something is compulsory, you must do it because of a rule or law.

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**CRIB** /krɪb/ - A sheet of paper containing information that a student uses for cheating in an exam.

**DESK** /desk/ - A table that you sit at to write or work, often with drawers.

**DESKTOP** /'deskɒp/ A computer that is small enough to fit on a desk.

**DICTIONARY** /'dɪkʃənəri/ - A book that contains a list of words in alphabetical order with their meanings.

**DIRECTOR OF STUDIES** /dɪ'rektər əv 'stʌdiz / - A teacher in a school who is in charge of organizing the students' programmes of study.

**DRAWING PIN** - A pin with a wide, flat top, used for fastening pieces of paper to a wall.

**DUSTER** /'dʌstər/ - A cloth used for removing dust from furniture and other objects.

**EQUALS** /'i:kwɔls/ - To have the same value, size, etc as something else, often shown using a symbol (=)

**EXAM** /ɪg'zæm/ / **TEST** /test/ - A set of questions to measure someone's knowledge or ability.

**EXCLAMATION MARK** /,eksklə'meɪʃən mɑ:k/ - A mark (!) used at the end of a sentence that expresses surprise, excitement .

**EXERCISE** /'eksəsaɪz/ - A piece of written work that helps you learn something.

**EXPLANATION** /,eksplə'neɪʃən/ - The details or reasons that someone gives to make something easy to understand.

**FELT-TIP** /felt tɪp/ - A pen with a point made of soft material, usually with brightly coloured ink for colouring pictures.

**FILE** /faɪl/ - A box or folded piece of thick paper used to put documents in.

**FOLDER** /'fəʊldər/ - A piece of plastic or thick paper folded down the middle and used to store loose papers.

**FULL STOP** /fʊl stɒp/ - A mark (.) used at the end of a sentence.

**GLUE** /gluː/ - A substance used to stick things together.

**GRANT** /grɑːnt/ - An amount of money provided by a government or organization for a special purpose.

**GUM** (chewing gum /tʃuːɪŋ ɡʌm/) - A sweet substance that you chew but do not swallow.

**HEADTEACHER** - /,hed'tiːtʃər/ - The person in charge of a school.

**HOMEWORK** /'həʊmwɜːk/ - Work which teachers give students to do at home.

**HYPHEN** /'haɪfən/ - A mark (-) used to join two words together, or to show that a word has been divided and continues on the next line.

**INK** /ɪŋk/ - A coloured liquid that you use for writing, printing, or drawing.

**KEYBOARD** /'kiːbɔːd/ - A set of keys on a computer, which you press to make it work.

**LAPTOP** /'læptɒp/ - A computer that is small enough to be carried around and used where you are sitting.

**LIBRARY** /'laɪbrəri/ - A room or building that contains a collection of books that you can read or borrow.

**MAP** /mæp/ - A picture that shows where countries, towns, roads, rivers.

**MARK** /mɑːk/ - A number or letter that is written on a piece of work, saying how good the work is.

**MICROPHONE** /'maɪkrəfəʊn/ - A piece of electrical equipment for recording or for making sounds louder.

**MOUSE** /maʊs/ - A small piece of equipment connected to a computer that you move with your hand to control what the computer does.

**NOTEBOOK** /'nəʊtbʊk/ - A book with empty pages that you can write in.

**NOTES** /nəʊt/ - Words that you write down to help you remember something.

**NUMBER** /'nʌmbər/ - A symbol or word used in a counting system.

**PAGE** /peɪdʒ/ - A piece of paper in a book, magazine, etc, or one side of a piece of paper.

**PAPER BASKET** /'peɪpə bɑːskɪt/ - An open container which stands on the floor inside buildings and is used for putting rubbish in, especially paper.

**PEN** /pen/ - A long, thin object that you use to write or draw in ink.

**PENCIL** /'pensəl/ - A long, thin wooden object with a black or coloured point that you write or draw with.

**PENCIL CASE** /'pensəl keɪs/ - A container for storing pens, pencils, etc

**PERMANENT MARKER** /'pɜːmənənt mɑːkər/ - A thick pen used especially for writing on boards.

**PLASTIC ENVELOPE** /'plæstrɪk 'envələʊp/ - A flat plastic container.

**PLAYGROUND** /'pleɪgraʊnd/ - An area of land where children can play, especially at school.

**PLUS** /plʌs/ - Added to.

**PRIMARY SCHOOL** /'praɪməri skuːl/ - A school for children from the ages of five to eleven.

**PUPIL** /'pju:pəl/ - A student at school.

**QUESTION MARK** /'kwɛstʃən mɑ:k/ - A mark (?) used at the end of a question.

**QUOTATION MARK** /kwou'teɪ-ʃən ,mɑ:k/ - Symbols (" ") used in writing before and after a word or group of words to show that they are spoken or that someone else originally wrote them.

**REMOTE CONTROL** /rɪ'məʊt kən'trəʊl/ - A piece of equipment that is used to control something such as a television from a distance.

**RUBBER** /'rʌbər/ - A small object which is used to remove pencil marks from paper .

**RULER** /'ru:lər/ - A flat, straight stick which is used to measure things.

**SCHOOL REGISTER** /sku:l redʒɪstər/ - An official list of names.

**SCHOOL** /sku:l/ - A place where children go to be educated.

**SCISSORS** /'sɪzəz/ - A tool for cutting paper, hair, cloth, etc

**SCREEN** /skri:n/ - The part of a television or computer which shows images or writing.

**SECONDARY SCHOOL** /'sekəndəri sku:l / - A school for students aged between 11 and 18.

**SECRETARY** /'sekrətəri/ - Someone who works in an office, typing letters, answering the telephone, and arranging meetings, etc

**SEMICOLON** /,semi'kəʊlən/ - A mark (;) used to separate parts of a sentence, or items in a list which already has commas.

**SENTENCE** /'sentəns/ - A group of words, usually containing a verb, that expresses a complete idea.

**SHARPENER** /'ʃɑ:(r)p(ə)nə(r)/ - A tool that you use to make pencils sharp.

**SHELF** /ʃelf/ - A flat, horizontal board used to put things on, often fixed to a wall or inside a cupboard.

**SMALL LETTER** /smɔ:l letər/ - A letter of the alphabet.

**SPELLING MISTAKE** /'spelɪŋ mɪ'steɪk/ - A word that is wrong.

**STAPLER** /'steɪplər/ - A piece of equipment used for putting staples through paper.

**STICKY TAPE** /'stɪki teɪp / - Clear, thin material with glue on it, used to stick things together, especially paper.

**STUDENT** /'stju:dənt/ - Someone who is studying at a school or university.

**SUBJECT** /'sʌbdʒɪkt/ - An area of knowledge studied in school or university.

**TABLE** /'teɪbl/ - A piece of furniture with four legs, used for eating off, putting things on, etc.

**TEACHER** /'ti:tʃər/ - Someone whose job is to teach in a school, college, etc.

**TERM** /tɜ:m/ - One of the periods of time that the school or university year is divided into.

**TIMETABLE** /'taɪm ,teɪbl/ - A list of dates and times that shows when things will happen.

**TOPIC** /'tɒpɪk/ - A subject that you talk or write about.

**TUTOR** /'tju:tər/ - A teacher who is responsible for a small group of students.

**VIDEO** /'vɪdiəʊ/ - A film or television programme recorded on videotape.

**WORD** /wɜ:d/ - A letter or sound that means something.