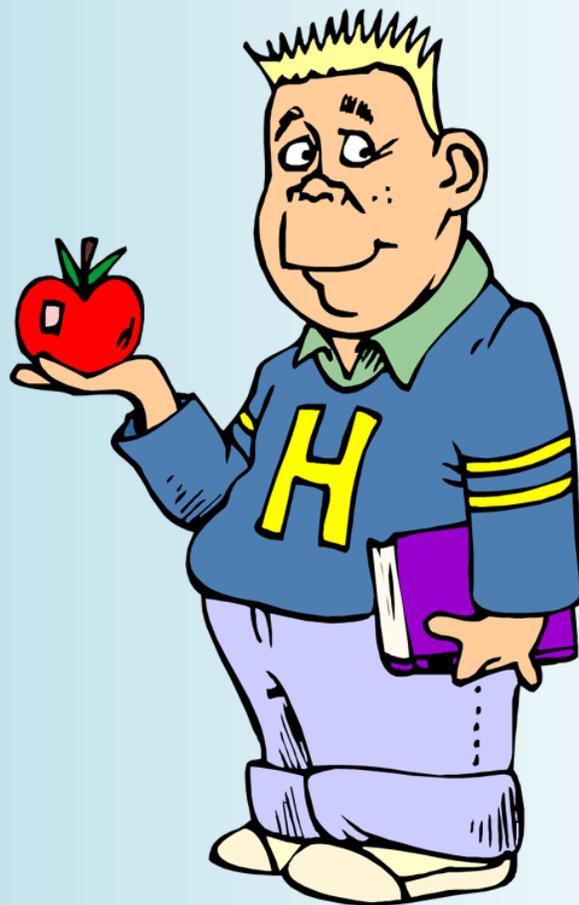


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Back to School!

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The back-to-school experience and the sound written phonetically as **ōō** have a lot in common. To begin with, **ōō** is an important part of the words **school** (skōōl), **cool** (kōōl), and **ooh** ((ōō). It's in every **classroom** (klās'rōōm'). This busy little syllable comes packaged in a variety of spellings, and it shows up all over the place. There's "How **do** (dōō) **you** (yōō) **do** (dōō)?" **super** (sōō'pər) **glue** (glōō), and **chewing** (chōō,ĭng) gum on your **shoe** (shōō). It's an audio dynamo, **through** (thrōō) and **through** (thrōō)!

Use the following definitions and clues to identify more **ōō** words. Write the missing letters in the blanks to the left. Spelling counts!

s h _ _ _ _ _

1. Carpets, rugs, upholstery, dogs, and humans all need this product.

a _ _ _ **o** _

2. This onomatopoeia mimics the sound of sneezing.

J _ _ _ _ _

3. The planet rotating between Mars and Saturn.

b a _ _ _ _

4. The name of a woody or treelike tropical and semitropical grass that is valuable as building or craft materials.

s n _ _ **z** _ _ _

5. This term is a synonym for **sleeping**.

D _ _ _ _ **t t** _ _

6. The fictitious veterinarian who talked to animals.

a _ _ _ _ _

7. Its abbreviation is **Ave**.

t _ _ _ _ **m e**

8. A couple, a pair, or a duo.

k _ _ **g** _ _ _ _

9. When it's a baby, this animal is called a joey.

b _ _ **q** _ _ _

10. This word can be pronounced either *bō-kā'* or *bōō-kā'*.

c _ _ **t** _ _ _

11. A sketch or drawing, usually depicting a humorous situation; a comic strip.

d _ _ **d** _ _

12. To draw or scribble idly or to waste time in foolish or aimless activity.

t _ _ _ _ **p** _ _ _ _

13. A dab of this is helpful when brushing one's teeth.

l _ _ _ **h** _ _ _

14. Sometimes people look for one of these as a way to escape or evade a rule or a law.

j _ _ _ _ _

15. Diamonds, rubies, emeralds, sapphires, etc.

m o _ _ _ _ _ **e**

16. This little ferret-like carnivore from India is famous for its ability to kill cobras and other venomous snakes.

b _ _ _

17. It's one of the three primary colors.

p _ _ _ _ _

18. This popular breed of dog has thick, curly hair.



- s p** _____ 19. Scary; eerie, suggesting the presence of a ghost.
- Ch** ___ **t a** ___ **g** ___ 20. A city located in southeast Tennessee on the Tennessee River.
- c h** ___ ___ ___ ___ 21. Picky; finicky; particular.
- c** ___ ___ **p** ___ ___ **l** 22. A transportation arrangement that involves sharing a ride.
- a f** _____ 23. The time of day between noon and sunset.
- f** ___ ___ ___ 24. Gasoline, coal, natural gas, kerosene, wood, etc.
- s** ___ ___ ___ **h i** ___ 25. A blended drink usually made of fruit puréed with milk, yogurt, etc.
- s** ___ ___ **t h** ___ 26. An *antonym* of **agitate**.
- d i** ___ ___ **p p** ___ ___ **v** ___ 27. Most moms would probably do this if their children rode bicycles in the living room.
- s** ___ **h** _____ 28. Daily school activities for students and teachers are usually structured around these.
- b e** ___ ___ ___ ___ **m** 29. Some young people have one of these all to themselves, but others must share with brothers or sisters.
- w** ___ ___ ___ 30. A person who conceals his or her evil intentions or character beneath an innocent exterior is said to be one of these in sheep's clothing.
- t** _____ 31. The past tense of **throw**.
- b** _____ ___ ___ **s** 32. The smaller ones are used mostly for entertainment or decorations but very large ones can carry passengers.
- g o** ___ ___ ___ 33. Silly; wacky; nutty; ridiculous; idiotic.
- i** _____ 34. A domed-shaped hut made of blocks of frozen snow.
- n** ___ ___ ___ **l** ___ 35. A ribbonlike strip of dried dough, usually made of flour, eggs, and water; a slang term for the human head.
- P** ___ ___ ___ 36. A South American country.
- c a** ___ ___ ___ 37. This long, slender boat is propelled by paddles.
- s** ___ ___ ___ **n** 38. Another word for **faint**.
- g** _____ **e b** _____ 39. They show up when someone is cold or frightened.
- b** ___ ___ ___ ___ **o** 40. Little kids sometimes melt down and do this on their first day of school.

Brain Booster (bōō'stər): Find 5 more words with the **ōō** sound. Write definitions or clues for each one and challenge your classmates to identify the words.

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Challenge Words

As in the previous activity, all the definitions and clues below point to words that contain the **oo** sound. However, the terms in this activity will be less familiar and more difficult to identify. Close collaboration with a dictionary is highly recommended!

Study the given information and then reveal the mystery word by filling in the blanks to the left. Correct spelling is absolutely (āb'sə-lōōt'lē) required.



m o _ _ _ _ _ **l** _

1. If its two or more atoms are alike, it's an element. If its atoms are different, it's a compound.

K a _ _ _ _ **a** _ _ _ _

2. A city in southwest Michigan.

f o _ _ _ _ **e**

3. A hot dish made of a melted sauce, such as cheese or chocolate, in which pieces of food, such as bread, meat, or fruit are dipped or cooked.

f e _ _ _ _ _ **n**

4. To adorn or decorate with strings or chains of flowers, foliage, ribbon, etc., suspended in a curve between two points.; a chain of flowers, foliage, ribbon, etc.

k _ _ **z** _ _ _

5. The only talent required to play this "musical instrument" is the ability to hum.

b _ _ **s** _ _ _ _ _

6. A large, low-pitched woodwind instrument having a double reed. Learning to play one is especially difficult.

c o _ _ _ **h**

7. This word applies to a refined person who has and uses good manners.

i _ _ **p r** _ _ _ _ _

8. Made or done without previous thought or preparation; on the spur of the moment; unplanned.

c _ _ _ **g** _ _ _

9. The large, powerful wild cat, commonly called a mountain lion, that is native to North and South America.

b o _ _ _ _ _ **r**

10. From an old French word that meant *to sulk*, this word names a woman's private sitting room, dressing room, or bedroom.

e x _ _ _ _ _ **v** _

11. Available only to certain individuals or groups; not divided or shared with others.

d e _ _ _ _

12. Another word of French origin, this term refers to the first public appearance, such as a performer, a play, a song, a product, etc.

b _ _ **z** _ _ _ _ _

13. A portable, shoulder-held rocket launcher.

L _ _ _ _ **s i** _ _ _ _

14. New Orleans is this state's largest city. Baton Rouge is its capital.

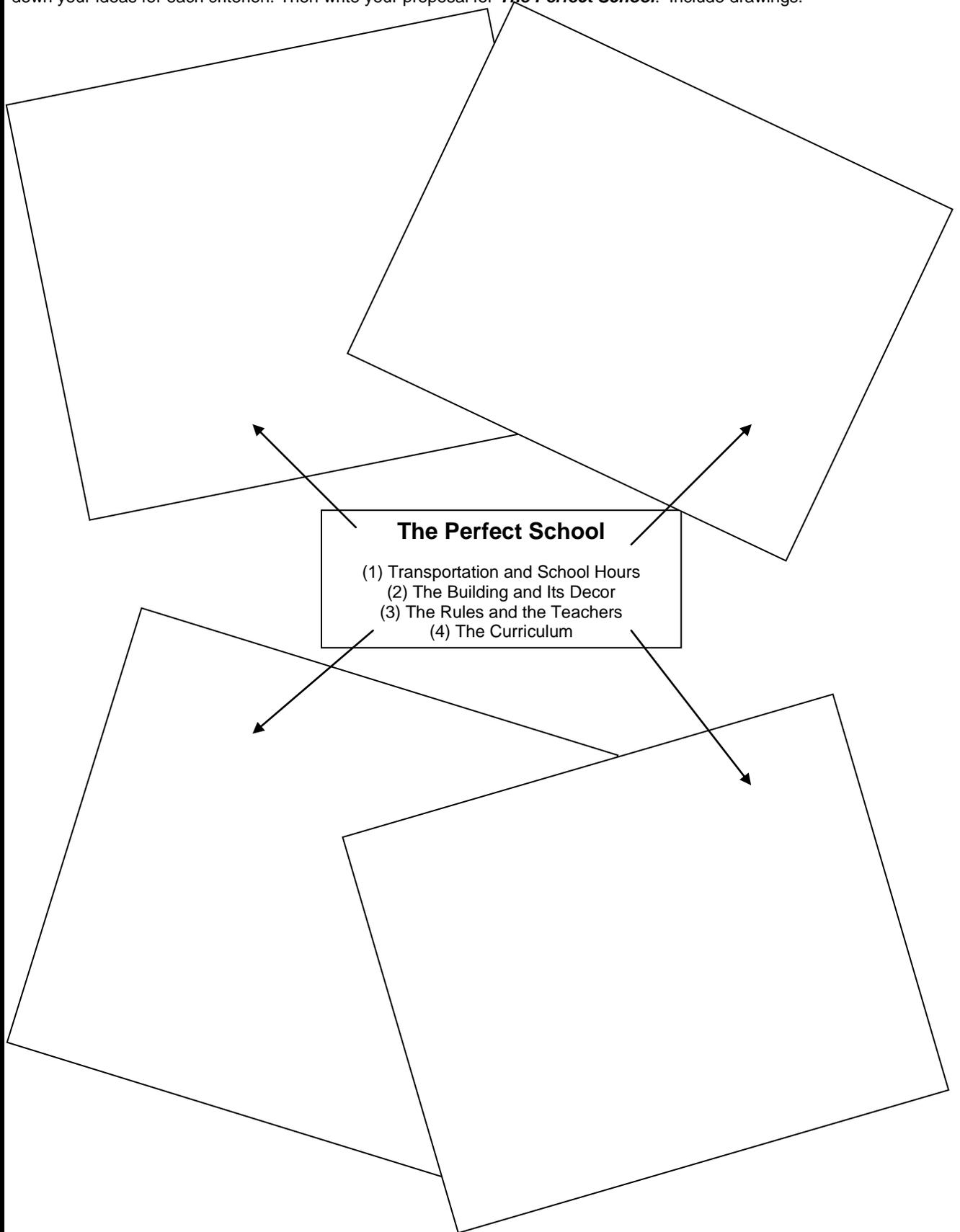
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15. Standoffish and snobbish; distant; emotionally cold.
16. Serving as a kitchen and sleeping facility for the crew, it's the last car on a freight train.
17. Also known as a *wildebeest*, this oxlike antelope lives on the eastern and central plains of Africa.
18. Identified by a society as improper or unacceptable.
19. A broad avenue in a city, usually having areas on each side or in the center for trees, grass, or flowers.
20. A ruffian; an aggressive or violent young person; a bully.
21. Composed of two like or complimentary parts; double.
22. Prearranged, formal combat between two persons, usually fought to settle a point of honor.
23. A city in south Arizona.
24. A person who borrows or takes small items or amounts from another with no intent to repay.
25. Preposterous; laughable; absurd; foolish; idiotic.
26. A seasonal wind that brings periods of heavy rainfall to southern Asia and India; rainy season.
27. Difficult to perceive, understand, or capture; puzzling; tricky; baffling.
28. A light, good-humored satire; a written attack ridiculing a person, a group, or an institution; a spoof or parody.
29. The insect that buzzes around your face is one of these. It applies to any obnoxious or annoying person, thing, condition, or practice.
30. The branch of physics that deals with sound and sound waves; the properties of a room, stadium, auditorium, etc. that determine its sound quality.
31. A recurring or persistent problem; a source of fear or worry.
32. Any of several different types of large reindeer native to northern North America; the name of a city in Maine.
33. A person who claims to be able to foretell events or predict the future; a seer.
34. The act of entertaining others by engaging in tricks, undignified jokes, odd jesters, postures, etc.; foolishness; clowning around.

Keep it Going! Think of 5 more words with an **ōō** syllable. Write definitions and clues. Challenge your classmates to identify the words.

Marvelicious, Super Cool School

Suppose you could create a new type of school where everything would be done **your way**. You get to choose the transportation, the furniture, the rules, what you study—**EVERYTHING!** Before you can be the boss, you'll need to get your ideas together and prove that you have a good plan. Use the organizer below to do just that.

In the center box are four main points that you must address in creating your school. Use the large connected squares to jot down your ideas for each criterion. Then write your proposal for **The Perfect School**. Include drawings.



Keys

1. shampoo
2. ahchoo
3. Jupiter
4. bamboo
5. snoozing
6. Doolittle
7. avenue
8. twosome
9. kangaroo
10. bouquet
11. cartoon
12. doodle
13. toothpaste
14. loophole
15. jewels
16. mongoose
17. blue
18. poodle
19. spooky
20. Chattanooga
21. choosey
22. carpool
23. afternoon
24. fuel
25. smoothie
26. soothe
27. disapprove
28. schedules
29. bedroom
30. wolf
31. threw
32. balloons
33. goofy
34. igloo
35. noodle
36. Peru
37. canoe
38. swoon
39. goosebumps
40. boohoo

Set Two Challenge

1. molecule
2. Kalamazoo
3. fondue
4. festoon
5. kazoo
6. bassoon
7. couth
8. impromptu
9. cougar
10. boudoir
11. exclusive
12. debut
13. bazooka
14. Louisiana
15. aloof
16. caboose
17. gnu
18. taboo
19. boulevard
20. hooligan
21. dual
22. duel
23. Tucson
24. moocher
25. ridiculous
26. monsoon
27. elusive
28. lampoon
29. nuisance
30. acoustics
31. bugaboo
32. caribou
33. soothsayer
34. buffoonery