

# Back Words

## for

## Back to School



Since we tend to prefer leaving the past behind and moving forward, our language should logically be saturated with *forward* words and phrases. But upon closer inspection, it's obvious that we have actually collected more *back* words. Perhaps this is because we often move forward by going back, as is the case with our long-standing tradition of going *back to school*.

Now that the inevitable has happened, why not get your thinking skills rolling forward by identifying the following collection of *back* words? Study the clues and then write the missing letters in the individual blanks to the left. Spelling counts!

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1. In basketball, the flat surface to which the basket is attached is called the back \_\_\_\_\_.

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2. Another word for sass is back\_\_\_\_\_.

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3. A person riding an unsaddled horse is said to be riding \_\_\_\_\_back.

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4. If the results are the opposite of what someone has planned or expected, then his/her scheme has back\_\_\_\_\_.

back \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

5. Someone who is afraid to do or stand up for what is right might be encouraged to get a back \_\_\_\_\_.

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6. To say that someone is riding \_\_\_\_\_back, means that he/she is being carried on someone's back or shoulders.

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7. A back\_\_\_\_\_ is an excavating machine that has a bucket with movable jaws for scooping up soil or other materials.

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8. The type of rattlesnake with ◇-shaped markings on its back is called a \_\_\_\_\_back.