

Some thirty years ago when I was at school things were very different from today. Learning had to be hard work. We had to suffer! There was no attempt to make lessons interesting. **The teacher spoke and we took notes at the same time.** If he or she asked you a question, you had to answer straight away. If you did anything wrong, you had to stay at school afterwards for an extra hour.



Fortunately, teachers weren't allowed to hit pupils. **In the old days, when my grandfather went to school, thrashing was a part of everyday school life.**

One of my teachers used to say: **"School is like medicine; it has to taste bitter to be useful."**



I didn't enjoy school at all, but I went to university and subsequently became a teacher. **Now I'm back in school.** I try to make my lessons interesting. **I work hard to motivate my students.** The worksheets I hand them out have to be interesting.

I believe that one day teachers will be replaced by **learning machines.**

A school will then be like a modern department store where customers choose their own goods and then scan them at the exit. **Somewhere in an office a supervisor is sitting in front of several screens.** He or she checks that everything is running correctly.

to suffer: have a bad time
attempt: try
fortunately: luckily
subsequently: afterward
straight away: immediately
to thrash: whip, strike repeatedly with something long and thin or flexible
to motivate: stimulate
exit: leaving
supervisor: manager

Find and underline the synonym:

unlike	similar	<u>different</u>	hateful
to hurt	to suffer	to like	to forget
try	drink	thought	attempt
later	afterwards	towards	ongoing
hit	open	thrash	see
a share	a part	a door	a cry
to inspire	to dive	to climb	to motivate
then	subsequently	before	at the same time
to select	to forget	to choose	to refuse
way out	room	stair	exit
manager	supervisor	assistant	helper
some	several	sustainable	none
merchandise	buyer	seller	goods