Kennings

Here are some examples of Anglo-Saxon kennings. Kennings are compound words used to describe nouns in a new and imaginative way.

Old English	Modern English	Meaning
bānhūs	bone house	body
hwælweg	whale road	sea
wægflota	wave floater	ship
hildenædre	battle serpent	arrow
hildeswat	battle sweat	blood
sōlarborð	sun-table	sky

Try to make some kennings of your own. Here are some nouns you could create kennings for, but you can choose your own. See if another student can guess what your kenning refers to.

сир	desk	socks	mobile	
arm	clock	dream	social media	
head	pen	exams	teacher	
school uniform	scissors	ink	friend	

