**CHEATING!**

**WHAT’S THE PROBLEM?**

Recently *(недавно),* a research in the USA showed that 75% of high school students have cheated in tests and exams. If we include *(учитывать)* copying homework, the number is 90%. Many students don’t even realize *(понимать)* that what they’re doing is wrong. They think that cheating is OK now, because it’s common. That’s a problem.

**WHO’S CHEATING?**

In the past, weaker *(более слабые)* students cheated, but now cheats are often clever kids who need higher marks. There is more competition today. One high school student says, ‘There’s big pressure to get into a good university. You have to get good marks, and to get good marks some people think they have to cheat.’

**THE CULTURE OF CHEATING**

In the American study,50% of students agreed with the opinion ‘People sometimes have to lie and cheat to succeed *(достичь успеха)*.’ It seems that cheating has become normal for some people. But it isn’t only at school that people are cheating. We see more and more cheats in sport and in business. Unfortunately *(К сожалению),* adults don’t always *set a good example (подавать хороший пример).*

**HOW ARE THEY CHEATING?**

Cheating is easier with new technology. There are websites where you can download exams and essays. You can pay people online to write an essay for you.Students are instant messaging *(отправлять мгновенные сообщения)* homework answers and they can send text messages to friends in exams or put answers into their mp3 players. Some students take photographs of tests and then email them to friends. So what’s the solution (*решение)*?

**BEATING THE CHEATS**

Teachers can ban *(запретить)* cell phones and cameras, and use special software *(программа)* to detect copying in homework. School principals *(директора)* can suspend *(отстранить)* or expel *(исключить)* students who cheat. But really it’s more important for people to know that they don’t have to cheat to be successful *(быть успешным)* – cheats never win and winners never cheat.

**WHICH OF THESE THINGS ARE CHEATING?**

1.Copying someone's answers in a test.  
2.Copying someone's homework.  
3.Doing homework with a friend   
4.Emailing test question to a friend.  
5.Copying an essay on the internet.  
6.Getting information on the internet.  
7.Writing an essay someone.  
8.Using calculator in a test.

**IS IT TRUE OR FALSE**

Many students don’t even realize that cheating is good.

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School principals can give a prize to students who cheat.

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**ASK AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS**

1) Do you have to cheat sometimes if you want to succeed?

2) Is it easy to cheat nowdays?   
3) What should schools do with cheats?  
4) Are you really cheating if you copy someone's homework?  
5) Should schools ask students to report people who cheat?

6) What should teachers do with cheating? Should teachers bully students for cheating?

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