

Academic Honesty Scenarios

Kelly needs to write a paper for her class. Since she wants to get an “A” in the class, she wants to have perfect grammar. So, she decides to use an online translator. She types the sentences into the translator in her native language and she copies and pastes them into her paper in English.

Becky needs to write a summary of a book she read for class. She already read the book, but she wants to make sure she covers everything in her summary. So, she goes on the internet. She finds a very nice summary, and she copies it and pastes it into a Word document and turns it into her professor with her name on it. Since she already read the chapter, it doesn’t really matter if she writes the summary, right?

Jake has an in-class essay on Wednesday, and he really needs to get a good grade on it so he can transfer to a good school. He decides to write an essay for the test at home and memorize it. That way, when he goes to class, he already knows what he will write and how he will write it.

George is a really busy student. He works 20 hours a week and he is a full time student. He has a paper due in class, but he doesn’t have enough time to write it. So, he decides to purchase a paper online. He goes to a “paper mill” (a site that creates papers for school) and he buys a paper. He doesn’t need an “A” in the class, but he thinks the paper is good enough for a “B.” He puts his name on the paper and turns it in.

Tony, Abdul, and Shin are studying together. They complete the homework assignment together, and they copy the homework. Each person turns in their own copy of the assignment.

Yao, Pravina, and Sezer are studying together. They each do their homework assignments on their own, and then they compare answers. They change some of the answers on their original homework sheet, and each person turns in his/her own homework sheet.

Ruiz is working on revising his essay. He really wants to get a good grade on it, so after he finishes fixing it, he asks his friend to check it for him. His friend shows him where some of the mistakes are that he made but does not tell him how to fix it. Ruiz then fixes the mistakes by himself and turns in the assignment.

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Chloe is working on revising her essay. She really wants to get a good grade on it, so after she finishes fixing it, she asks her friend to check it for her. Her friend corrects all of the mistakes, and Chloe goes home and copies her friend's suggestions. She turns in the assignment the next day.

Naira is working on revising her essay. She really wants to get a good grade on it, so after she gets it back from her teacher, she makes an appointment with an ESL Department Tutor. She brings her essay to the tutor and gets help with fixing her essay. She goes home and fixes the essay on her own and turns it in.

Noelle is completing a homework assignment for class. She needs some information about her topic, and decides to look it up online. She finds some interesting information, and wants to use it in her assignment. However, she does not know how to write about it. So, she copies one or two sentences from the website, but writes the rest of the assignment by herself.

Amir comes to class everyday 15 minutes late because it is difficult to find parking on campus. He always participates in class when he arrives and he always brings his homework.

Professor X. is very busy working on his new research presentation because he will have to present it at an international conference this semester. Because of this, he often comes to class or office hours late. Since he is so busy with his upcoming research presentation, this is ok.

Professor Y. notices two of her students have plagiarized their papers. She wants to be a really nice and popular professor, so she does not report them to Judicial Affairs and she does not give them a failing grade. She decides that if the students do it again, then she will report them.

During class, Professor M. talks a lot about research she has read about English. Even though she says that other people did the research, she does not specifically reference them during her lectures.