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**Honesty Is the Best Policy**

School is known to be a place of learning and acquiring good morals and attitudes. However, it is also a place where students can acquire some bad habits. One of the bad habits is called cheating. Recently, a lot of students have been caught cheating. Some of the different types of cheating are copying someone’s answer in an examination, copying someone’s homework, plagiarizing from the Internet, and many more. Basically, cheating is all about not being honest. Cheating is one of the major problems in school. Everyone knows it’s not a good habit, but why do students still do it?

Firstly, students cheat because of laziness. In school, students are given a lot of schoolwork to do, schoolwork filled with difficult worksheets, huge books to memorize, and many more. It is normal for schools to give these kinds of work to students. However, some students cannot control the fact that they are lazy. Maybe they got used to their stress-free childhood, when all they needed to do was to play and rest. They didn’t have to do any work since the older ones were in charge of all of it. As these lazy children grew older and got faced with responsibilities, they couldn’t help but be lazy to maintain their relaxed attitude. However, these students eventually know that it’s a must to finish their schoolwork or else they will be punished. Therefore, they cannot help but cheat and copy someone’s work. By copying someone’s work, they don’t need to give effort besides copying it.

Furthermore, some students cheat because they simply do not know or understand their homework or exam. As students, they all want to have outstanding, or at least, a decent score for their homework and exams. However, some students who are weak in a particular subject have a hard time understanding the lessons. When they are given difficult tasks, they have a hard time answering and completing it. They will then get stressed since they want to have a high score but they can’t answer it. Therefore, they get tempted to copy work from someone who is good in that subject.

In addition, some students cheat through plagiarism. Cheating done by students does not only happen in the classroom but also through the Internet. The modern world today provides a lot of information to people through technology. Compared to the ancient times where there were no computers, our world today is so much easier. People can find out information in one click. That is why it is easy for students to get information. It is not wrong to get information from the Internet, but it is wrong when someone directly copies someone’s work and claims it to be their own. For example, when a teacher asks a student to write an essay, the student will search in Google for free essays written by other students. They will then copy and paste the work and claim it to be their own.

Cheating should not be done by students. It is also unfair to the student whose work is being copied. In my experience, as a primary kid, I had times when my classmates copied my work without me knowing. I would only find out after they had done it. Since I was a little kid, my parents have always taught me to be honest and to be responsible. In primary school, I made sure that I did all my schoolwork by myself. That is why when my classmates copied my work, I got disappointed since I worked so hard on it.

Honesty is one of the most important values every person should have, not just for students. I believe that being honest will help everyone be a better person. Some students cheat because they don’t want mistakes. Students need to learn that it is okay when their work is not perfect or good. The only important thing is that they worked hard on it and learned it by themselves. It is better to be weak but still honest than to be the best but always lie.

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