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Morals, Ethics and 'I

According to the November issue of YM, 85% of teens have cheated in the past year; whether it be on a test, boyfriend/girlfriend, etc. Researchers claim that people tell an average of 7 lies a day. Most of us would claim, "Not me, I'm honest!" If you're so sure of the strength of your ethics and morals, prove it by completing this quiz!

How guilty are you? S

1. You're staying late after school to study for your Chemistry exam the next day. The teacher leaves the room for a phone call. The answer sheet is lying on her desk in plain view. Do you:

- A: Copy all of the answers off the sheet.
B: Copy just a few of the answers, you don't want her to get suspicious.
C: Forget you ever saw the answer sheet lying there.

2. You and a friend go to the mall where you see two gorgeous guys/girls. They approach you and introduce themselves. You talk for a minute and they mention they're eighteen. You're only fourteen. Do you:

- A: Flat out lie and say you're seventeen.
B: Giggle a little as if they had said something funny and continue the conversation.
C: Apologize and reluctantly tell them your real age.

3. While at a football game, you notice two young men in a heated argument. They part and a little while later, you see one of them with their friends. He pulls out a knife and starts joking around saying things about "cutting" the guy he had been arguing with. Do you:

- A: Shake your head and think "Guys are so stupid."
B: Have second thoughts about saying anything to the authorities, but decide it's none of your business.
C: Tell a police officer about the whole deal.

4. Someone breaks the window of your car and steals \$2000 worth of electronics from within. You end up finding out who it is. Do you:

- A: Don a bandana and baseball bat and go on a man hunt.
B: Threaten the person indirectly in hopes of a confession, or even better, your stuff back in return.
C: Notify the police and tell them of your suspicions.

5. Your physics teacher gives you ten homework problems that you just don't understand. Knowing it's going to take you all night to get through them anyway, when your best friends ask you to go out, do you:

- A: Go out with your friends and don't worry about the homework.
B: Go out with your friends and copy off of someone during first block the next day.
C: Stay home and finish your homework, even if it means no sleep for the night.

6. Your identical twin has a thirty-four on their ACT. You have a twelve. When the next test date rolls around, do you:

- A: Give them your I.D. and have them take the test for you.
B: Have them take the first part of the test for you then switch out during the break.
C: Study really hard to try to bring your score up yourself.

7. After a football game, you watch as another student backs into the side of a teacher's car. He drives away without notifying anyone. There's a large dent in the side of the car. Do you:

- A: Pretend you didn't see anything.
B: Let the teacher know that "there's a big dent in the side of your car, but I didn't see how it happened."
C: Turn the incident in to the police as a hit and run, including the name of the boy who did it.

8. Your parents have forbidden you to go to what's supposed to be the biggest party of the year. After sulking in your room for a while, you decide to:

- A: Tell your parents you're spending the night with your best friend, who just so happens to be attending the party.
B: Sneak out your window and leave a pillow stuffed under the covers.
C: Stay at home- you have homework to do anyway.

9. You and a friend take a trip to Wal-Mart. After going your separate ways to do your individual shopping, you meet back up at the cash registers to head home. In the car, your friend pulls out a necklace, ink pens and a few other items she has stolen. Do you:

- A: Say nothing- see no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil.
B: Mention how you could've paid for the items if she didn't have enough money.
C: Call Wal-Mart as soon as you get home and turn your friend in. It will only get worse for her down the road if she continues steal.

10. You go to a party with some of your friends, and after some intense flirting, you kiss this guy/girl you just met. Bad thing is, you have a boyfriend/girlfriend. Do you:

- A: Lie to your significant other when they ask you if anything happened.
B: Don't mention anything.
C: Tell them the whole truth, and nothing but the truth in hopes of forgiveness.

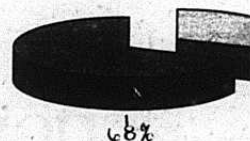
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Have you ever cheated
boyfriend/girlfriend



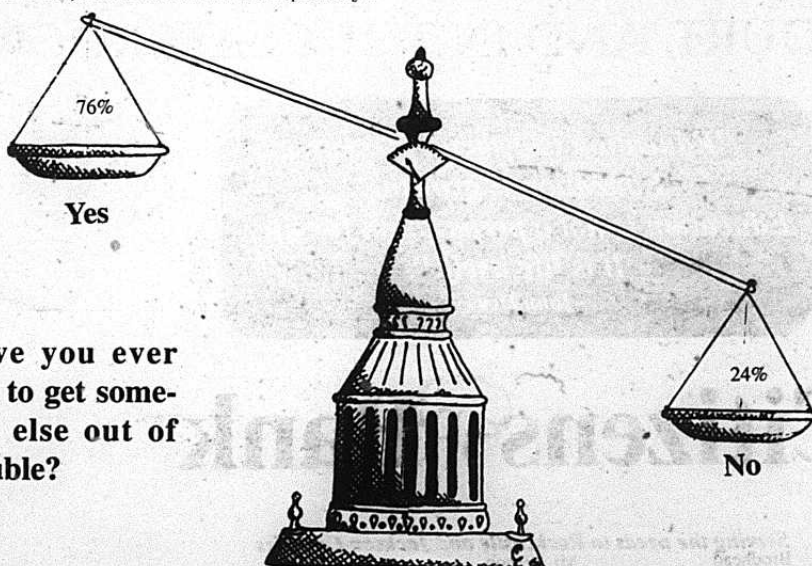
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Have you ever lied about
were absent from :

44% have always been
truthful about absences



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Have you ever
lied to get some-
one else out of
trouble?

"You gotta do what you gotta do...then live with what you've done." - Unknown

"A lie gets halfway around the world before the truth has the chance to get its pants on." - Sir Winston Churchill

"If you don't know

"When in doubt, tell the truth." - Mark Twain "If a man does his best, what else is there?" - Gen. George Patton "It takes a big man to admit when he is wrong, and an even bigger one to keep his mouth shut when he's right." - Jimminy