## IS INTERNET CHEATING R-R-REALLY CUTE?!



### School Cheats Find The Web's The Way

**STUDENTS are not only getting music from the Internet - they're downloading good grades. An ENQUIRER investigation discovered an explosion in cheating and plagiarism - made possible by outrageous Web sites.** It's as easy as punching a couple of keyboard buttons to summon up ready-made term papers, research projects and other information from Web sites that have such brazen names as **Schoolsucks.com** and **CheatHouse.com**. And if you don't find the paper you like in their huge files, you can pay scholars-for-hire to write one for you.

The cheating is so rampant, say experts that the *"three Rs"* are becoming Reading, 'Ritin' and Rip-off, The research done by the nonprofit Center for Academic Integrity shows that Internet plagiarism is a growing national concern. The survey show that over 75 percent of all students admit to cheating on some level. Students who are caught often say their lives are so busy with extracurricular activities - they plagiarize to save time. When a student gets caught, typically, they'll say, 'Why don't you worry about something that really matters? It's the American way…'

*The Enquirer's* investigation found there are thousands of "term papers for sale" sites on the Internet. For example, **CheatHouse.com** boasts more than 10,000 essays for sale. Its creator Jens Schriver distances himself from matters of integrity. "I provide a service not too different from that of that of a library" he rationalizes - "It can be used legitimately, to do research and get inspired". Another site **Schoolsucks.com** features such 'elegant touches' as chat rooms that can be accessed by clicking on a button that says, 'I hereby agree school sucks'.

A university professor, who asked that his identity be protected, claims: 'Basically, lying is the part of our culture. Some members of our society are lying and using marketing spins to get away with it, so today's student thinks: 'Other people get away with it, so why shouldn't I?'

On the other hand, the faculty are often reluctant to pursue suspicions of plagiarism. This can be explained by various reasons – from not wanting to spend the time and effort to not feeling supported by the academic system. Professors are even sometimes fearful that it could badly affect their relations with the audience.

The need for a deterrent to student cheating became so pressing that a special Web site was created - called **Turnitin.com** which uses Web-crawling robots to search the Internet for proof of plagiarism. This site can be accessed by educators who want to check on a suspicious term paper. If a student knows that his term paper will be compared by a room full of computers to over two billion pages from the Internet, then he will probably be motivated to write his own!

**Student’ copy**



**SCHOOL CHEATS FIND THE WEB'S THE WAY**

**What’s the English for:**

1. студенты -
2. преподаватели -
3. профессорско-преподавательский состав университета -
4. оценки –
5. готовиться к экзамену -
6. сдавать экзамены –
7. сдать экзамен –
8. принимать экзамены –
9. получить зачет автомат –
10. студент-отличник -
11. учиться на «отлично» -
12. жульничать, шпаргалить
13. списывать

**What do students usually download from the Internet?**

**Words Words Words**

***I. Find in the article the English equivalents for the following:***

1. проблема государственного значения
2. мошенничество, плагиат; недобросовестная компиляция
3. признаться в использовании шпаргалок
4. делать что-л. с неохотой
5. откреститься от чего-то
6. честность, порядочность
7. заниматься исследованиями
8. получить стимул
9. использоваться на законных основаниях
10. избежать наказания

***II. Can you explain the following in English?***

1. plagiarism
2. scholars-for-hire
3. three R's (сокр. от reading, 'riting, 'rithmetic)
4. extracurricular activities
5. deterrent

 **Did you get it right?**

1. What sort of sites for students has recently appeared in the WWW?
2. How do students account for their cheating?
3. Why are university professors unwilling to pursue students for cheating?
4. What do students usually say when they get caught while cheating?
5. What is the position of the «term papers for sale” site-owners?
6. Do you agree that lying is a part of human nature? Justify your point of view.
7. What measures have been taken against students cheating through the Internet?

**Let’s Talk!**

* Do you know that before recently cheating was considered shameful in American school system? Do you find it strange or amusing?
* What is the current situation with cheating and plagiarism in Russian educational system?

***Render the following newspaper article into English полный вариант***

В последнее время использование студентами и школьниками Интернета для написания сочинений и **курсовых работ** становится **проблемой государственного масштаба**. Проблема в том, что школяры не хотят писать работы самостоятельно, а, жалуясь на **загруженность после занятий** и **нехватку времени, «сгружают»** уже готовые работы со специальных интернетовских сайтов. Молодые люди с готовностью **сознаются** в такого рода **жульничестве**, не боясь, что на них ляжет **клеймо позора**. Так что теперь **студенты-отличники** могут получить кое-что помимо **хороших оценок**, став на время **«наемной интеллектуальной силой»** для тех, кто **с неохотой** садится за домашнюю работу. Специалисты утверждают, что, **расцветая пышным цветом** такая практика подрывает **азы образования**. А вот преподаватели в основном предпочитают **откреститься от этой проблемы** (вероятно, не хотят **тратить силы и время** на ее решение), и тем самым помогают обманщикам **избежать наказания**. Создатели **сайтов с работами на продажу** гордятся своими творениями, сравнивая их с **электронными библиотеками.** Однако их сайты нельзя назвать **некоммерческими** - всего одна страничка подложной курсовой обойдется лентяям в восемь долларов. Вот еще один **хрестоматийный пример** того, что нравственность и **честность** в наше время серьезно **сдают позиции.**

Как же удержать студентов от **списывания, плагиата и недобросовестной компиляции**? И стоит ли это делать? Пишите нам, если есть идеи!

**Speak about the problem of CHEATING from a Student’s point of view.**

**BE SURE TO USE the following words:**

* students
* professors
* grades
* to sit for an exam
* to take exams
* to pass an exam
* to give exams
* to pass on one’s course work
* «A»- student
* to get high grades
* to cheat
* to plagiarise
* rip-off
* to admit to cheating
* to do research
* to get inspired
* to be used legitimately
* to get away with sth
* extracurricular activities

**Speak about the problem of CHEATING from a TEACHER’S point of view.**

**BE SURE TO USE the following words:**

* national concern
* faculty
* to give exams
* to pass on one’s course work
* «A»- student
* to cheat
* to plagiarise
* rip-off
* to admit to cheating
* to distance oneself from matters of (integrity)
* to get inspired
* to get away with sth
* scholars-for-hire
* three R's (сокр. от reading, 'riting, 'rithmetic)
* deterrent



***ON CHEATING AGAIN! Translate the following into Russian***

**More and more students are plagiarising material - and buying essays online, a BBC investigation suggests.**

The boss of a firm selling **coursework** to students has **admitted** that his work "undermines the whole education system". He sells between 500 and 1,000 essays a week, mainly to overseas students studying in the UK. Prices start at £50. He explains: "They don't want to study anyway, so basically if I wasn't doing their work for them they'd probably be kicked off the course anyway and mummy and daddy wouldn't be very happy."

Our expert in **plagiarism prevention**, says an American **study** found 43% of students cutting and pasting material from the internet **without references to sources**. Such services are being used by British students **to cheat**. One student was recently **expelled from** a leading university after **downloading** his entire first-year coursework from an American website.

Many universities have tried to solve the problem by using **software** which detects work which has been copied from the web or from academic journals. **However** the software won't **detect** work that is written for the student by a **scholar-for hire**. The BBC investigation also discovered that even if plagiarism is detected, some **academic authorities** can be **reluctant to do anything** about it.