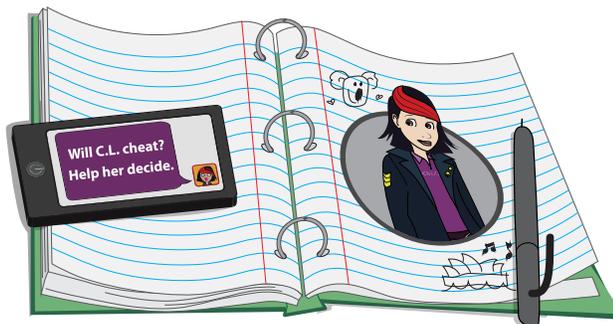


# CHOICES -&- CHEATERS



## ☞ SUGGESTED GRADES

Intermediate, Middle School

## ☞ INSTRUCTIONS

Have students play the interactive comic – *Choice & Cheaters* - on NSTeens.org. Then, use this discussion guide to help them better understand the comic's lesson.

## ☞ INTERNET SAFETY

### ISSUES

Digital Ethics



## ☞ DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### 1. Why was C.L. tempted to cheat?

C.L. needed good grades in order to win the trip to Australia. She knew that even if she worked hard, it wouldn't guarantee good grades. Using the Internet to cheat may have seemed like an easy way to make sure that she would get an A.

### 2. How does the Internet make it easier to cheat?

The Internet makes it easier to find, copy and share information. Some students may cheat by copying and pasting answers directly into their assignments. Others may use texting and social media to share answers outside of class or during tests. But anyone who's tempted to cheat should remember that what you do online leaves a trail so it's also easier to get caught!

### 3. Should C.L.'s friend Tom have asked her to help him cheat?

Tom asks C.L. to do something that could get her into a lot of trouble. If C.L. is caught cheating, she could fail the class, get detention or even get kicked out of school. A real friend will not ask you to do anything that could hurt you. Slick and Lolo showed C.L. they were her real friends by encouraging her not to cheat.

### 4. Were you surprised that any of the choices C.L. made were considered cheating?

Sometimes teachers ask students to use the Internet for research or to work together on projects. But if they don't give their permission to do so, it might be cheating. And it's always cheating to look up answers online and copy them word-for-word. Students should talk to their teachers about the instructions before they start working on assignments.

### 5. Why is cheating wrong?

Students who use the Internet to cheat may plagiarize (steal) someone else's work and pretend it's their own. Stealing from someone online is just as bad as stealing from a store. Cheating also allows students to get rewarded for work they haven't done. This means that students who have worked hard may not get the rewards they deserve – and that isn't fair. If you find out that a classmate is cheating, you should encourage them to do the right thing and tell the truth. If they won't tell, you should think about telling the teacher.

## ☞ RELATED RESOURCES

- » *Choices & Cheaters* Intermediate Activity Card, *Choices & Cheaters* Middle School Activity Card

Watch videos and play games at  
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