

Faking it 掏钱买论文

Vocabulary: cheating 词汇: 作弊

A BBC investigation has highlighted the growing problem of an industry where students can try **to deceive** teachers by paying to have their **coursework** written for them.

Tucked away in the windows of **newsagents** across London, in amongst the postcards advertising music lessons and childcare, there are some offering to write **essays**.

The **essays** are described as "model" assignments that students can use to guide them in their course of study. But according to the BBC's Reeta Chakrabarti, privately some of these firms are saying the work can be **passed off** by students as their own.

A reporter, **posing as** a student, spoke to six companies on the phone and when he asked if he could hand in the work provided to his tutor as if it was his own, all the firms clearly said that he could. Our **undercover** student also learned about **smartly-dressed** men standing outside campuses **touting for business**, especially towards the **end of term**, when the pressure on students is the greatest.

Universities are well set up **to detect** more traditional forms of **plagiarism** where extracts of someone else's work are used. But according to the Birmingham City University's professor Robert Clarke, this is much harder to identify in a **bespoke** essay, original but written by someone else. He thinks this should concern us all and asks: "Would you want to be treated by a nurse who's **cheated** on her assignment?"

There are serious implications for any student found to be buying an essay in this way. A student can **be stripped of** their degree or **thrown out** of university.

This form of **cheating** is not a crime, although there are some in **academic circles** who think it should be. And the **offence** is the student's.

The phenomenon affects universities in many parts of the world. Earlier this year, Harvard University officials said that dozens of its students were being investigated for **allegedly** helping each other **cheat** in an exam.

Up to 125 students in one undergraduate course are suspected of sharing answers or **plagiarising**.

词汇表请参看答案与词汇部分



Quiz 测验

阅读短文并回答问题。

1. Look at the article. What two places might students find offers of essay-writing on their behalf?
2. Where is it most difficult to detect cheating?
3. Is the following statement true, false or not given? *Colleges always place the blame for cheating on the people who sold the essays.*
4. Look at the article. What word means the practice of copying other people's work and pretending it to be your own?
5. What adverb in the text is used to refer to something that is heard around but hasn't been witnessed?

Exercise 练习

请你在不参考课文的情况下完成下列练习。从每个表格中选择一个意思合适的单词填入句子的空格处。

1. We've haven't eaten in that restaurant since my husband picked a fight with the waiter and we were thrown _____.

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| away | out | over | down |
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2. I've got some holiday pictures tucked _____ in my wardrobe. I never show them around because I look ugly in them.

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| in | over | out | away |
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3. John is very sophisticated and can pass _____ as a member of the aristocracy. Nobody would guess he was born in a slum.

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| out | away | off | on |
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4. Author Michael Baigent lost a court case against Dan Brown, after he claimed that his work had been _____ in *The Da Vinci Code*.

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| alleged | plagiarised | cheated | detected |
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5. Appearances can _____. This car looks fast and flashy but keeps breaking down.

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| deceive | detect | plagiarise | cheat |
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Answers and Glossary 答案与词汇

Quiz 小测验

1. Look at the article. What two places might students find offers of essay-writing on their behalf? Newsagents and outside campuses, where some men tout for business.
2. Where is it most difficult to detect cheating? In bespoke essays.
3. Is the following statement true, false or not given? *Colleges always place the blame for cheating on the people who sold the essays.* False. The offender is the student who has bought the essay and presented it as his own.
4. Look at the article. What word means the practice of copying other people's work and pretending that it's your own? Plagiarism.
5. What adverb in the text is used to refer to something that is heard around but hasn't been witnessed? Allegedly.

Exercise 练习

1. We've haven't eaten in that restaurant since my husband picked a fight with the waiter and we were thrown out.
2. I've got some holiday pictures tucked away in my wardrobe. I never show them around because I look ugly in them!
3. John is very sophisticated and can pass off as a member of the aristocracy. Nobody would guess he was born in a slum.
4. Author Michael Baigent lost a court case against Dan Brown, after he claimed that his work had been plagiarised in The Da Vinci Code.
5. Appearances can deceive. This car looks fast and flashy but keeps breaking down.

Glossary 词汇表

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| to deceive | 欺骗 |
| the coursework | 作业, 功课 |
| tucked away | 隐秘的、藏在一边的 |
| a newsagent | 报亭 |
| an essay | 一篇作文 |
| to pass off | 当作 |
| to pose as | 冒充 |
| undercover | 便衣, 卧底 |
| smartly-dressed | 衣着时尚得体的 |
| to tout for business | 招揽生意 |
| the end of term | 学期末 |
| to detect | 检测 |
| plagiarism | (名词) 剽窃 |
| bespoke | 定制的 |
| to cheat | 欺骗 |
| to be stripped of | 被取消资格 |
| to be thrown out | 被开除了 |
| academic circles | 学术界 |
| an offence | 一项犯罪行为 |
| allegedly | 据称 |
| to plagiarise | (动词) 剽窃 |