

Hands-On Activity | Can You Spot the Cheat?

Purpose

Test your understanding of academic integrity in the digital age by identifying instances where AI tools are used ethically versus when they cross the line into cheating.

Directions

Complete both activities below. When you've finished, click "Submit" at the bottom of the page. You'll see the results of the matching activity. To leave the quiz, you'll need to scroll back to the top of the page and click "Return" in the top-right corner.

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Which students are clearly cheating, and which ones are not? Can you also identify the grey area?

Definitely Cheating

Grey Area

Definitely Not Cheating

Possible answers

Grace has an essay due next week on the ethical issues of genetic engineering. She has a vague idea of what she wants to write, but she needs some guidance and structure. She uses an AI tool to generate a summary or an outline of her essay based on her idea. She does not copy the summary or the outline verbatim, but expands it with her own words and ideas.

Kai has a creative writing assignment due next week on writing a poem about love. He has some inspiration, but he wants some help with the rhyme and rhythm. He uses an AI tool to generate creative content such as poems based on his inspiration. He does not submit the content for grading or evaluation, but only for personal enjoyment or expression.

Levi has a quiz next week on biology. He has studied the material, but he wants to test his knowledge and understanding. He uses an AI tool to generate questions or quizzes based on the material. He does not use the questions or quizzes for assessment purposes, but only for self-study or practice.

Priya has a data analysis project due tomorrow on the correlation between income and happiness. She has collected some data from a survey, but she wants to visualize it in a clear and attractive way. She uses an AI tool to generate data visualizations or graphs based on her dataset. She makes sure to use accurate and relevant data and explain her findings.

Carlos has a research project due next month on the history of artificial intelligence. He has a general topic, but he wants to find more specific and reliable sources of information. He uses an AI tool to find relevant and reliable sources of information for his research project. He makes sure to cite his sources and evaluate their credibility and validity.

⋮ Aya has an essay due tomorrow on the causes and effects of the American Civil War. She does not have time to do any research or writing, so she uses an AI tool to generate an essay based on the prompt. She copies and pastes the essay without checking the sources or the content, and submits it as her own work.

⋮ Omar has a coding assignment due next week on creating a simple calculator program. He does not know how to code, so he uses an AI tool to solve the assignment for him. He copies and pastes the code without understanding the logic or the syntax, and submits it as his own work.

⋮ Fatima has a report due next week on the economic effects of climate change. She has written the report, but she wants some feedback or suggestions for improving it. She uses an AI tool to generate feedback or suggestions for improving her report based on some criteria. She does not blindly follow the feedback or suggestions, but critically examines and applies them.

⋮ Mei has an online exam next month on calculus. She does not want to study, so she uses an AI tool to create a fake identity and a profile. She hires someone who is good at math to take the exam for her using the fake identity and profile.

⋮ David has an essay due next week on the impact of social media on democracy. He has done some research and writing, but he wants to improve his grammar, spelling, and style. He uses an AI tool to check his essay and corrects any errors or mistakes. He makes sure to cite his sources and acknowledge his own ideas.

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Take a look at your answers above. What led you to sort the scenarios in this way? Do you notice any patterns or similarities when comparing the scenarios under each category? Share your thoughts briefly.

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