

Should Denise Cheat?

Directions: With your group, read the situation below. Think about your own values before you write answers to the questions.

The Situation:

While Denise is taking a final exam in her English class, she realizes that she has studied the wrong material. Since she needs a B on the final to get a B in the course, she becomes very flustered. She needs the grade to qualify for a summer music scholarship that a local bank is sponsoring.

Denise has always disapproved of cheating and has never cheated, though she knows cheating occurs frequently in her classes. She is thinking about getting the information from her boyfriend, who is sitting next to her. Her teacher has left the room because he feels that students should be trusted during tests. Denise likes the idea of being trusted—but is also preoccupied with how much she wants the scholarship.

Should Denise cheat just this once? Why or why not?

Are there times when cheating (anywhere, not just in school) is justified? If so, when? Why or why not?

What is "personal honor"?