

Cheater

INT. SCIENCE CLASS

CATHIE AND PETE ARE TAKING A BIOLOGY TEST. PETE IS TRYING TO CHEAT OFF CATHIE'S TEST.

CATHIE
(Whispering) Stop looking at my paper!

PETE
What's the answer to question five?

CATHIE
(Outraged) I'm not telling.

PETE
Come on. Please.

CATHIE
No! You should have studied.

PETE
I did. But I didn't know the "parts of a plant" were going to be on the test.

CATHIE
I studied them anyway.

PETE
Please.

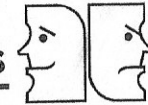
CATHIE
No! I do not cheat.

PETE
Forget it. By the way, you got the answer to question two wrong.

CATHIE
Did not.

PETE
Did too. (Reading question two) Where do bees live? Think about it.

CATHIE
Combs. Bees live in combs. Haven't you ever heard of honey combs?



PETE
Yes. It's a cereal. But bees live in hives.

CATHIE
(Erasing her answer) You're right. How could I have forgotten that?

PETE
It's easy. Sometimes in the middle of a test you just forget things.

CATHIE
Thanks.

PETE
You're welcome.

A BEAT. PETE CLEARS HIS THROAT TO GET CATHIE'S ATTENTION. SHE PRETENDS NOT TO NOTICE. HE CLEARS IT AGAIN. SHE STILL DOESN'T NOTICE. THEN HE CLEARS IT AGAIN, THIS TIME VERY LOUD.

CATHIE
Are you okay?

PETE
No, I'm not okay. I need the answer to question five.

CATHIE
I told you, I don't cheat.

PETE
But I just gave you the answer to question two.

CATHIE
I said thank you. What more do you want?

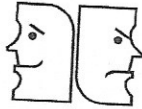
PETE
(Starting to get upset) The answer to question five!

CATHIE
Sorry.

PETE
Can you give me a hint?

CATHIE
Nope.

PETE
Not even a little hint?



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No. CATHIE

PETE
Not even a little teenie weenie hint?

CATHIE
No! I am not helping you cheat!

PETE
Okay you asked for it. (Standing up) Mrs. Knapp, Cathie is trying to cheat off my paper!

CATHIE
(Standing up) I am not!

PETE
Yes, she is. Look at her test. On question two she wrote down "comb" and then she looked over at my paper and saw the answer was "hive", so she erased her answer. Cathie admit it! You cheated!

CATHIE
(Sitting down) Oh brother.