

cheat

I

1. [tʃi:t] *n*
 1. мошенничество, жульничество; обман
 2. мошенник; жулик, плут, обманщик; шулер; самозванец
2. [tʃi:t] *v*
 - 1) мошенничать, обманывать
 - to cheat at examinations - пользоваться шпаргалками, подсказками *и т. п.* на экзаменах
 - to cheat smb. out of his money - обманом выманить деньги у кого-л.
 - to cheat at cards - жульничать в карты; быть шулером
 - 2) (on) изменять (*супругу*)
 - 3) обманывать
 - to cheat the eye - обмануть зрение
 - to cheat death - чудом избежать смерти
 - to cheat the gallows - уйти от виселицы
 - to cheat time - коротать время
 - to cheat the journey - убивать дорожную скуку

II

[tʃi:t] *n бот.*
костёр ржаной (*Bromus secalinus*)

cheat

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cheat [cheat cheats cheated cheating] *verb, noun* *BrE* [tʃiːt] [ⓘ] *NAmE* [tʃiːt] [ⓘ]

verb

1. **transitive** ~ **sb/sth** to trick sb or make them believe sth which is not true
 - She is accused of attempting to cheat the taxman.
 - Many people **feel cheated** by the government's refusal to hold a referendum
 - He **cheated his way** into the job.
2. **intransitive** ~ (**at sth**) to act in a dishonest way in order to gain an advantage, especially in a game, a competition, an exam, etc
 - He cheats at cards.
 - You're not allowed to look at the answers— **that's cheating** .
 - Anyone caught cheating will be automatically disqualified from the examination.
3. **intransitive** ~ (**on sb**) (*of sb who is married or who has a regular sexual partner*) to have a secret sexual relationship with sb else
 - He's cheating on his wife.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	cheat
	BrE /tʃi:t/
	NAmE /tʃi:t/
he / she / it	cheats
	BrE /tʃi:ts/
	NAmE /tʃi:ts/
past simple, past participle	cheated
	BrE /tʃi:tid/
	NAmE /tʃi:tid/
-ing form	cheating
	BrE /tʃi:tiŋ/
	NAmE /tʃi:tiŋ/

Word Origin:

late Middle English: shortening of escheat (the original sense) 'land that is given back to the state or the lord if the owner dies without legal heirs'.

Thesaurus:

cheat *verb* **T, I** (disapproving)
 • She is accused of cheating the taxman.
con • **dupe** • **deceive** • **trick** • **fool** • **take sb in** • **swindle** • **short-change** • **defraud** • |informal **rip sb off** • • **fleece** • |especially **AmE**, informal **bilk** • |slang **screw** •
 cheat/con/dupe/trick/defraud/fleece/bilk/screw sb **out of sth**
 cheat/con/dupe/deceive/trick/fool sb **into doing sth**
 cheat/con/trick **your way** into sth
 cheat/con/dupe/deceive/trick/fool/short-change/defraud/rip off/fleece/bilk **customers**

Synonyms:

cheat
 fool • deceive • betray • take in • trick • con
 These words all mean to make sb believe sth that is not true, especially in order to get what you want.
cheat • to make sb believe sth that is not true, in order to get money or sth else from them: ▫ She is accused of attempting to cheat the taxman. ◊ ▫ He cheated his way into the job.
Cheat also means to act in a dishonest way in order to gain an advantage, especially in a game, competition or exam: ▫ You're not allowed to look at the answers— ▫ that's cheating ▫.

fool • to make sb believe sth that is not true, especially in order to laugh at them or to get what you want: ▪ Just don't be fooled into investing any money with them.

deceive • to make sb believe sth that is not true, especially sb who trusts you, in order to get what you want: ▪ She deceived him into handing over all his savings.

betray • to hurt sb who trusts you, especially by deceiving them or not being loyal to them: ▪ She felt betrayed when she found out the truth about him.

take sb in • [often passive] to deceive sb, usually in order to get what you want: ▪ I was taken in by her story.

trick • to deceive sb, especially in a clever way, in order to get what you want.

con • (informal) to deceive sb, especially in order to get money from them or get them to do sth for you: ▪ They had been conned out of £100 000.

which word?

Many of these words involve making sb believe sth that is not true, but some of them are more disapproving than others. **Deceive** is probably the worst because people typically deceive friends, relations and others who know and trust them. People may **feel cheated/betrayed** by sb in authority who they trusted to look after their interests. If sb **takes you in**, they may do it by acting a part and using words and charm effectively. If sb **cheats/fools/tricks/cons** you, they may get sth from you and make you feel stupid. However, sb might **fool** you just as a joke; and to **trick** sb is sometimes seen as a clever thing to do, if the person being tricked is seen as a bad person who deserves it.

to cheat/fool/trick/con sb **out of** sth

to cheat/fool/deceive/betray/trick/con sb **into doing sth**

to **feel** cheated/fooled/deceived/betrayed/tricked/conned

to fool/deceive **yourself**

to cheat/trick/con **your way** into sth

Example Bank:

- Anyone caught cheating will automatically be disqualified from the examination.
- Customers were cheated by unscrupulous retailers.
- Many people feel cheated by the government's refusal to hold a referendum.
- She cheated Ryan out of his fortune.
- You're not allowed to look at the answers— that's cheating.

Idiom: ↑cheat death

Derived ↑cheat somebody of something

noun (especially BrE)

1. (also **cheat-er** especially in NAmE) **countable** a person who cheats, especially in a game

- You little cheat!
- Are you accusing me of being a cheat?
- a plan to crack down on tax cheats

2. **singular** something that seems unfair or dishonest, for example a way of doing sth with less effort than it usually needs

- It's really a cheat, but you can use ready-made pastry if you want.

3. **countable** (computing) a program you can use to move immediately to the next stage of a computer game without needing to play the game

- There's a cheat you can use to get to the next level.

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Thesaurus:

cheat noun C (disapproving)

- You cheat! You looked at my cards!

AmE **cheater** • |informal **con man** • |especially AmE, informal **hustler** • |especially journalism **swindler** •

Example Bank:

- The government has announced a plan to crack down on tax cheats.

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I. **cheat** ¹ **S3** /tʃiːt BrE ^m AmE ^m verb

[Date: 1500-1600; Origin: cheat 'legal removal of someone's property' (14-17 centuries), from escheat]

1. [intransitive and transitive] to behave in a dishonest way in order to win or to get an advantage, especially in a competition, game, or examination:

- He had cheated in the test by using a calculator.

- Don't look at my cards – that's cheating.

cheat at

- She claimed that I cheated at chess.

2. [transitive] to trick or deceive someone so that they do not get or keep something they have a right to have:

- Illegal workers are often cheated by employers.

cheat somebody (out) of something

- She cheated her aged aunt out of her fortune.

3. **feel cheated** to feel that you have been treated wrongly or unfairly and have not got what you deserve:
 - " She felt cheated and used.
4. **cheat death/fate etc** to manage to avoid death or a very bad situation even though it seemed that you would not be able to:
 - " The Italian ace cheated death in a spectacular 100 mph crash.
5. **be cheated of victory/success etc** if you are cheated of victory, success etc, you do not achieve it because of something unfortunate that happens
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THESAURUS (for Meaning 2)

■ to get money or possessions dishonestly from someone

- **cheat** to deceive someone so that they do not get or keep something they have a right to: He used his charm to cheat the old lady out of everything he could get. | He's afraid they'll cheat him after he hands over the money.
- **con** *informal* to get money from someone by telling them lies: They conned her into spending thousands of pounds on useless equipment. | He conned money out of the public by pretending to collect for charity.
- **swindle** to get money from a person or organization by cheating them in a clever way: The painting has been stolen and the art gallery has been swindled out of a large sum of money. | A City businessman who swindled investors out of millions of pounds was jailed for four years.
- **defraud** to commit the crime of getting money from an organization by deceiving them: He admitted attempting to defraud his former employer of \$1 million. | Johnson is accused of conspiring to defraud the taxman of hundreds of thousands of pounds.
- **do somebody out of something** *informal especially British English* to dishonestly stop someone from getting or keeping something, especially something they have a right to have: They've done me out of three weeks wages!

cheat on somebody *phrasal verb*

to be unfaithful to your husband, wife, or sexual partner by secretly having sex with someone else:

" The magazine claims that almost half of Britain's women cheat on their partners.

II. cheat² *BrE* *AmE* *noun* [countable]

1. someone who is dishonest and cheats:
 - " His addiction has turned him into a cheat and a liar.
2. **a cheat** something that is dishonest or unfair
3. a set of instructions given to a computer that make it easier for someone who is playing a computer game to win

cheat

Freakuency Pack

12500 **4542**^{MCW}

15000 **3017**^{COCA}

RANGE: **3k** CHEAT⁸⁴⁵⁹

cheat 2265

cheats 446

cheated 1749

cheating 3442

cheater 271

cheaters 286

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

926 **18532**¹²²⁷ *vvi*

393 **30178**⁵⁵⁰ *vv0*

364 **32918**⁴⁷³ *nn1*

11 **209036**¹⁵ *np1*