cheat (chēt)

vb
1. to deceive by trickery; swindle: cheated customers by overcharging them for purchases.
2. To deprive by trickery; defraud: cheated them of their land.
3. To mislead; fool: illusions that cheat the eye.
4. To elude; escape: cheat death.

n.
1. An act of cheating; a fraud or swindle.
2. One who cheats; a swindler.
3. A computer application, password, or disallowed technique used to advance to a higher skill level in a computer video game.
4. Law Fraudulent acquisition of another's property.
5. Botany An annual European species of brome grass (Bromus secalinus) widely naturalized in temperate regions.

[Middle English cheten, to confiscate, short for acheten, variant of escheten, from eschete, escheat; see escheat.]

cheater n.


cheat (chēt)

vb
1. to deceive or practise deceit, esp for one's own gain; trick or swindle (someone)
2. (intr) to obtain unfair advantage by trickery, as in a game of cards
3. (tr) to escape or avoid (something unpleasant) by luck or cunning: to cheat death.
4. (when: intr, usually foll by on) to be sexually unfaithful to (one's wife, husband, or lover)

n.
5. a person who cheats
6. a deliberately dishonest transaction, esp for gain; fraud
7. sham
8. (Law) law the obtaining of another's property by fraudulent means
9. (Plants) the usual US name for rye-brome

[14: short for escheat]

cheatable adj  cheater n  cheekily adv

cheat (v.t.)

1. to defraud; swindle.
2. to deceive; influence by fraud.
3. to elude; escape: to cheat death.

cheat (v.i.)

4. to practice fraud or deceit.
5. to violate rules or agreements: to cheat at cards.
6. to take an examination in a dishonest way, as by having improper access to answers.
7. to be sexually unfaithful (often fol. by on).

cheat (n.)

8. a person who cheats; swindler; deceiver; imposter.
9. a fraud, swindle, or deception.

1325–75; Middle English cheten to escheat, derivative of chet (n.), aph. for achet, variant of eschet escheat

cheata•ble, adj.

cheat•ing•ly, adv.

dsyn: cheat, deceive, trick, victimize refer to the use of fraud or artifice to obtain an unfair advantage or gain.
cheat usu. means to be dishonest in order to make a profit for oneself: to cheat customers by shortchanging them. deceive suggests misleading someone by false words or actions: He deceived his parents about his whereabouts. trick means to mislead by a ruse or stratagem, often of a crafty or dishonorable kind: I was tricked into signing the note. victimize means to make a victim of; it connotes a particularly contemptible act: to victimize a blind person.


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Noun 1. cheat - weedy annual grass often occurs in grainfields and other cultivated land; seeds sometimes considered poisonous

bearded darnel, darnel, Lolium temulentum, tare
rye grass, ryegrass - any of several annual or perennial Eurasian grasses

2. cheat - weedy annual native to Europe but widely distributed as a weed especially in wheat

Bromus secalinus, chess
brome, bromegrass - any of various woodland and meadow grasses of the genus Bromus; native to temperate regions

3. cheat - someone who leads you to believe something that is not true

beguiler, cheater, deceiver, trickster, slicker
offender, wrongdoer - a person who transgresses moral or civil law
bluffer, four-flusher - a person who tries to bluff other people
chiseler, chiseller, defrauder, grifter, scammer, swindler, gouger - a person who swindles you by means of deception or fraud
decoy, steerer - a beguiler who leads someone into danger (usually as part of a plot)
dodger, slyboots, fox - a shifty deceptive person
traitor, two-timer, betrayer - a person who says one thing and does another
defalcator, embezzler, peculator - someone who violates a trust by taking (money) for his own use
falsifier - someone who falsifies
finagler, wangler - a deceiver who uses crafty misleading methods
counterfeiter, forger - someone who makes copies illegally
fortune hunter - a person who seeks wealth through marriage
front man, nominal head, straw man, strawman, figurehead, front - a person used as a cover for some questionable activity
dissembler, dissimulator, hypocrite, phoney, phony, pretender - a person who professes beliefs and opinions that he or she does not hold in order to conceal his or her real feelings or motives
imitator, impersonator - someone who (fraudulently) assumes the appearance of another
faker, imposter, impostor, pseud, pseudo, role player, sham, shammer, pretender, fraud, fake - a person who makes deceitful pretenses
liar, prevaricator - a person who has lied or who lies repeatedly
misleader - someone who leads astray (often deliberately)
charlatan, mountebank - a flamboyant deceiver; one who attracts customers with tricks or jokes
obscurantist - a person who is deliberately vague
sandbagger - someone who deceives you about his true nature or intent in order to take advantage of you
two-timer - someone who deceives a lover or spouse by carrying on a sexual relationship with somebody else in order to conceal his or her real feelings or motives
utterer - someone who circulates forged banknotes or counterfeit coins
cheat - the act of swindling by some fraudulent scheme; "that book is a fake"
swindle, rig
cozenage, scam - a fraudulent business scheme
fraud - intentional deception resulting in injury to another person
bunco, bunco game, bunko, bunko game, con game, confidence game, confidence trick, flimflam, gyp, hustle, con, sting - a swindle in which you cheat at gambling or persuade a person to buy worthless property
pyramiding - a fraudulent business practice involving some form of pyramid scheme e.g., in which you cheat at gambling or persuade a person to buy worthless property
holdout - the act of hiding playing cards in a gambling game so they are available for personal use later
swiz - British slang for a swindle
shell game, thimblerig - a swindling sleight-of-hand game; victim guesses which of three cards holds the money
Verb 1. cheat - deprive somebody of something by deceit; "The con-man beat me out of $50"; "This salesman ripped us off"; "we were cheated by their clever-sounding scheme"; "They chiseled me out of my money"

rip off, chisel

gazump - raise the price of something after agreeing on a lower price

cozen - cheat or trick; "He cozened the money out of the old man"

fleece, gazump, overcharge, plume, rob, soak, swindle, hoodwink, juggle - rip off; ask an unreasonable price

bunco, con, defraud, diddle, gip, goldbrick, gyp, hornswoggle, nab, noble, rook, scam, will, trick - cheat

cozen, deceit, delude, lead on - be false to; be dishonest with

fudge, fake, falsely, misrepresent, swindle, manipulate, cook - tamper, with the purpose of deception; "Fudge the figures"; "cook the books"; "falsify the data"

Verb 2. cheat - defeat someone through trickery or deceit

chicane, chouse, jockey, shaft, screw

beat, beat out, vanquish, trounce, crush, shell - come out better in a competition, race, or conflict; "Agassi beat Becker in the tennis championship"; "We beat the competition"; "Harvard defeated Yale in the last football game"

Verb 3. cheat - engage in deceitful behavior; practice trickery or fraud; "Who's chiseling on the side?"

chisel

job - profit privately from public office and official business

shark - play the shark; act with trickery

rig, set up - arrange the outcome of by means of deceit; "rig an election"

cozen - act with artful deceit

crib - use a crib, as in an exam

cozen, deceive, delude, lead on - be false to; be dishonest with

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Verb 4. cheat - be sexually unfaithful to one's partner in marriage; "She cheats on her husband"; "Might her husband be wandering?"

cheat on, cuckold, wander, betray

cozen, deceive, delude, lead on - be false to; be dishonest with
two-time  - carry on a romantic relationship with two people at the same time
play around, fool around  - commit adultery; "he plays around a lot"

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cheat
verb
1. deceive, skin (slang), trick, fool, take in (informal), con (informal), stiff (slang), slang (informal), mislead, rip off (slang), fleece, hoax, defraud, dupe, beguile, gull (archaic), do (informal), swindle, stitch up (slang), victimize, bamboozle (informal), hoodwink, double-cross (informal), diddle (informal), take for a ride (informal), bilk, pull a fast one on (informal), finagle (informal) He cheated an old woman out of her life savings.
2. foil, check, defeat, prevent, frustrate, deprive, baffle, thwart

noun
deceiver, sharper, cheater, shark, charlatan, trickster, con man (informal), impostor, fraudster, double-crosser (informal), swindler, grifter (slang, chiefly U.S. & Canad.), chiseller (informal) He's nothing but a rotten cheat.

Proverbs
"Cheats never prosper"


Translations
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to cheat
A. N
1. (= person) → tramposa m/f; (at cards) → tramposa m/f, fulero/a m/f
2. (= fraud) → estafa f, fraude m; (= trick) → trampa f
   it was a cheat → fue una estafa or un timo, hubo trampa
B. VT (= swindle) → engañar, liar, timar; (= trick) → engañar
   to cheat sb out of sth → estafar algo a algn
   to feel cheated → sentirse defraudado
C. VI → hacer trampas; (in exam) → copiar
cheat on
on vi + PREP (esp US) [+] person → engañar

cheat
verb
to act dishonestly to gain an advantage. He cheats at cards; He was cheated (out of ten dollars). engañar, estafar, timar

noun
1. a person who cheats. He only wins because he is a cheat tramposo
2. a dishonest trick. trampa, estafa

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- Bromus tectorum
- bunco
- bunco game
- bunko
- bunko game
- card shark
- card sharp
- card sharper
- cardsharp
- cardsharper
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**References in classic literature**

**A Fox seeing him sitting so long and learning the reason of his doing so, said to him, "You are indeed, sir, sadly deceiving yourself: you are indulging a hope strong enough to cheat you, but which will never reward you with enjoyment.**

*Fables by Aesop*  
*View in context*

Naught he found too lofty, none he saw too low--Parbati beside him watched them come and go; Thought to cheat her husband, turning Shiv to jest--Stole the little grasshopper and hid it in her breast.

*The Jungle Book by Kipling, Rudyard*  
*View in context*

Now that the woman was there I was not so much afraid of the dead man, and I remembered, too, that he had been a great cheat; so I thought I would make him cheat for the last time.

*Nada The Lily by Haggard, Rider H.*  
*View in context*

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