

LINGUISTICS 1 CHEATING POLICY

Students copying one another's assignment answers: Teaching Assistants and I sometimes find assignments from two or more students where the answers are identical or so close to identical that it is obvious that one student copied another's answers verbatim. I encourage students to work together, but they should write up their answers independently, using their own wording, which is the only way to demonstrate understanding of principles underlying the questions. Here is the course policy on copied assignment answers:

- First time: Each student will get whatever score the assignment would have earned. However, the TA will attach a note stating that copying had been detected and that in future, answers should be written up independently.
- Second time: When a case of copying has been observed, TAs will be checking subsequent assignments of the students involved to make sure that they are writing their answers independently. If a second case of verbatim copying is found, all the students involved will receive a score of Ø ("zero") for that assignment, and likewise for any additional cases of copying.

Answers copied from assignment answer keys: I teach Linguistics 1 at least once nearly every year. It is impossible to make up completely new questions every time I teach it, meaning that I have to recycle at least some questions from previous quarters. Once corrected assignments are handed back, I post answer keys so that students can use them to study for the final exam. I am well aware that these answer keys probably circulate among students and are sometimes passed along to current students from students who took the course in earlier years. That is fine AS LONG AS THE ANSWER KEYS ARE USED AS A WAY TO STUDY THE MATERIAL! However, the TAs and I have occasionally found assignments where students have copied answers, verbatim, from answer keys. Aside from the fact that this is blatant cheating, it is a stupid practice. If undetected, it might result in a good grade on an assignment, but there will not be any answer keys available for the final exam, and it is worth 10 times as much as each assignment. The ONLY way to do well on the final is to understand the principles that are the basis of the assignment questions. If a TA or I discover an assignment with verbatim answers copied from an answer key, we will attach a note to the assignment stating that we have detected copying and for this reason, the assignment will receive Ø ("zero") credit.

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COPYING DETECTED

Answers on your assignment are identical or virtually identical to the answers on another student's assignment. It is Linguistics 1 policy to encourage students to work together on their assignments. However, ALL STUDENTS SHOULD WRITE UP THEIR ANSWERS IDEPENDENTLY! If this is the first time you have received this note, you are being given whatever score your answers merit. If this is the second or later time, you are being given a score of Ø.

COPYING FROM AN ANSWER KEY DETECTED

Some or all the the answers on your assignment have clearly been copied verbatim, or nearly verbatim from an answer key that is circulating from a previous version of the course. You are therefore being given a score of Ø for this assignment.