

## Anti-cheating exam hats used in Philippines college

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Teachers and schools try many things to stop students cheating in exams. However, it is difficult to stop all students from cheating. Modern technology has given students new and novel ways to cheat. A college in the Philippines has adopted

a low-tech way of making sure students keep their eyes only on their paper and not on those of students' around them. The Bicol University College of Engineering is getting students to wear anti-cheating hats during tests. The hats prevent students from being able to see around them and peeking at others' papers. They can focus only on their own test paper. Students are happy with the idea because they get to design and make their own hat.

Photos of the anti-cheating hats have gone viral on social media. Students have come up with all kinds of weird and wonderful creations. They have used cardboard boxes, egg cartons, coat hangers and other recycled materials to create their hats. A professor said the hats were a "fun way" to make sure there was "integrity and honesty" in her tests. She added that the hats had been "really effective" in keeping students focused. The professor said: "I'm proud of my students because their engineering mid-term exams can be full of pressure and be stressful, yet they managed to add some colour and fun." Many students finished their tests early and no one was caught cheating.

Sources: [bbc.com](http://bbc.com) / [nypost.com](http://nypost.com) / [straitstimes.com](http://straitstimes.com)

### Writing

There is no way to stop students cheating in tests. Discuss.

### Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

teachers / schools / cheating / exams / modern technology / low-tech / design / focus going viral / social media / weird / creations / integrity / honesty / proud / pressure

### True / False

- 1) Students had to read a new novel in a technology test. T / F
- 2) A college is using a low-tech way to stop students cheating. T / F
- 3) The hats stop students poking at other students' test papers. T / F
- 4) Students were unhappy because they had to make their own hats. T / F
- 5) Photos of the tests went viral on social media. T / F
- 6) Some students used coat hangers to make their anti-cheating hats. T / F
- 7) A professor said the hats weren't so effective. T / F
- 8) No students were caught cheating in the engineering tests. T / F

### Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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|------------------------|----------------|
| 1. <b>try</b>          | a. pleased     |
| 2. <b>stop</b>         | b. method      |
| 3. <b>way</b>          | c. thought of  |
| 4. <b>peeking</b>      | d. prevent     |
| 5. <b>focus</b>        | e. successful  |
| 6. <b>come up with</b> | f. looking     |
| 7. <b>weird</b>        | g. attempt     |
| 8. <b>effective</b>    | h. stress      |
| 9. <b>proud</b>        | i. strange     |
| 10. <b>pressure</b>    | j. concentrate |

### Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you think of cheating?
- b) Have you ever cheated in a test?
- c) What do you think of students who cheat in tests?
- d) What do you think of anti-cheating hats?
- e) What ways of cheating in tests are there?
- f) How much pressure is there to pass exams?
- g) How do you feel about exams?
- h) What would you do if you saw someone cheat in a test?

## Phrase Match

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| 1. schools try many things               | a. on their paper             |
| 2. a low-tech                            | b. hangers                    |
| 3. students keep their eyes only         | c. the idea                   |
| 4. peeking                               | d. at others' papers          |
| 5. Students are happy with               | e. gone viral on social media |
| 6. Photos of the anti-cheating hats have | f. cheating                   |
| 7. cardboard                             | g. to stop students cheating  |
| 8. coat                                  | h. and honesty                |
| 9. make sure there was integrity         | i. way of making sure         |
| 10. no one was caught                    | j. boxes                      |

## Discussion – Student B

- What do you think about what you read?
- Do you think the hats will be common worldwide?
- Would you like to design your own anti-cheating hat?
- What do schools do to prevent cheating?
- How stressful do you get in exams?
- What should happen to students who cheat?
- What's the best way to pass exams?
- What questions would you like to ask an anti-cheating hat maker?

## Spelling

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### Answers – Synonym Match

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6. c	7. i	8. e	9. a	10. h

## Role Play

### Role A – Failing

You think failing is the worst thing about tests. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least bad of these (and why): exam stress, waiting for the results or studying.

### Role B – Exam Stress

You think exam stress is the worst thing about tests. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least bad of these (and why): failing, waiting for the results or studying.

### Role C – Waiting for the Results

You think waiting for the results is the worst thing about tests. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least bad of these (and why): exam stress, failing or studying.

### Role D – Studying

You think studying is the worst thing about tests. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least bad of these (and why): exam stress, waiting for the results or failing.

## Speaking – Tests

Rank these with your partner. Put the worst things about tests at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • Failing | • Studying for them       |
| • Writing | • Waiting for the results |
| • Grades  | • The chair you sit on    |
| • Stress  | • Taking them             |

### Answers – True False

1 F	2 T	3 F	4 F	5 F	6 T	7 F	8 T
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.