

# Right or Wrong?

## Part 1 Ranking

*Quite often we find ourselves in situations in life when we have to choose between what is right and what is wrong. Below you will find a list of some crimes which might be considered less serious or perhaps just dishonest. Which do you think is the worst? First decide on your own and then discuss your decision with your partner. Try to agree on the order in which they should be ranked. Give reasons for your ranking 1–5, where 1 is the worst.*

- Fare dodging (going by train or bus without paying)
- Cheating or using someone else's material as your own
- Shoplifting
- Lying to friends or parents
- Using someone else's ID (identity card)

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## Part 2 Discussion

Choose **at least three** of the following statements to discuss with your partner. Give reasons for your opinions. You could give examples from your own experience or from what you have heard.

1 Driving drunk is as serious a crime as trying to kill someone.

2 Illegal actions by organisations like Greenpeace are OK.

3 Being unfaithful to your wife or husband is a good reason for divorce.

4 Cheating is unfair to your classmates.

5 Using bad language doesn't hurt anybody.

6 Making a fraudulent (false) income tax return is not a very serious crime.

7 Computer sabotage doesn't hurt anyone.

8 Copying someone else's paper  
for a school project is OK.

9 Protecting a friend who has taken part in  
vandalism is morally wrong.

10 Not telling anyone  
that a friend is on  
drugs is OK.

11 Gate-crashing (entering  
without paying) a rock  
concert is no crime.

12 Lying is some-  
times necessary.

13 Reading other people's letters  
or diaries is morally wrong.

14 Not going to work or  
school when you don't  
feel like it is OK.

15 Bullying someone is not a  
very serious crime.