

## OK! or NOT OK? Collusion versus Collaboration

"The only form of **cheating** I have engaged in ... is where you have an out-of-class study group but \*gradually\* the conversation moves from abstract discussion of content into swapping specific tips or solutions to get a specific question done."



Collusion is when students share work that is used for assessment in order to deceive.

Using someone else's work, words or ideas as your own is a kind of fraud. It misrepresents your abilities, gives you a mark you haven't earned, and an unfair advantage over your peers. Allowing someone else to use your work in this way is also collusion.

Working together on any piece of **assessed work** is

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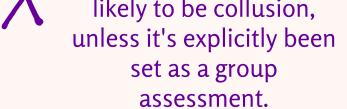
**Collaboration** is a learning activity

whereby students work in groups to research, discuss ideas and bring different perspectives to the **understanding** of a topic or problem.

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A group assessment will require collaboration, but will always make clear how your individual input will be assessed and graded.





If in doubt, ask!

## Don't risk it:

- Don't post your work to document-sharing sites.
  - Complete assessments on your own.
    - Always reference your sources.

## **Remember:**

Students who allow another student to copy their work are also committing **collusion**. This includes work shared on online document-sharing sites.

Both the copier **and** the provider of the work are committing academic malpractice.

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