



Cheating Is Poisonous

SPELLING
TEST
TODAY!

$\frac{1}{3}$ $\frac{1}{4}$

$\frac{2}{5}$ $\frac{2}{6}$



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When I was in first grade, I had a spelling test every Friday. One week I practiced really hard, but I still couldn't get the word *poisonous* right. When it was time to take the test, I decided to write the word *poisonous* on the back of the paper I used to cover my test. I quickly put the paper in my desk so that I wouldn't be tempted to cheat, but

I secretly took it out again when it was almost time for the word *poisonous*. As I thought about the word *poisonous*, I had a strong feeling that cheating *was* poison to my spirit. So I put the paper back in my desk for good! I still didn't spell the word *poisonous* right, but I felt great and peaceful inside about not cheating and for choosing the right. ♦