

## COLLEGE SCHOLARCHIP

**Student:** Oh, Mrs. Smith. Can I take the test now? I just . . . , oh.

**Mrs. Smith:** Excuse me? What do you mean? The test ended 10 minutes ago, and you weren't there to take it. Sorry.

**Student:** Oh, Mrs. Smith. Come on. Come on. That's not \_\_\_\_\_.

**Mrs. Smith:** What do you mean it's not fair? Everyone else was there. So, why weren't you in class?

**Student:** Uh, my bus didn't come this morning on time. That's why.

**Mrs. Smith:** Um. Are you sure? Your friend, Tony, made it to class, and he said you were still in \_\_\_\_\_ an hour ago.

**Student:** Uhh, yeah, well, that might be true, but I really need to take the test.

**Mrs. Smith:** Wait. Don't you realize that you just lied to me?

**Student:** Uh, well, listen. Mrs. Smith. Listen. My \_\_\_\_\_ didn't go off this morning, so it's not my fault I came late.

**Mrs. Smith:** So, you're blaming your alarm clock again? It's still your \_\_\_\_\_ to be here. Wasn't that your excuse the last two times you missed class?

**Student:** But Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Smith.

**Mrs. Smith:** Listen. You know the policy of our program. If you miss a test for an \_\_\_\_\_ reason . . . and a lie is definitely unexcused, then you get a zero on the test. There are no exceptions.

**Student:** Mrs. Smith. Why don't you want to help me? You never help me. I mean I really need to pass this class.

**Mrs. Smith:** No, no. no. Listen to yourself. You're playing what we call the victim. You made some bad \_\_\_\_\_, and now you have to accept the consequences. Remember: When you point your finger at someone else, like me in this case, three fingers are pointing back at you.

**Student:** But Mrs. Smith. I lose my \_\_\_\_\_ if I do poorly in the class; my parents will be really disappointed in me.

**Mrs. Smith:** I'm really sorry, but that's not my problem. [*Oh, Mrs. Smith!*] I can't help you with that. Don't try to shift the blame here. [*Mrs. Smith!*] You painted yourself into a corner. You need to be accountable for your own actions instead of trying to weasel out of your responsibility. While you aren't doing well in my class though, I must say I almost have to give you an A grade for trying to dodge the \_\_\_\_\_ of your bad choices.

**Student:** Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Smith.

**Mrs. Smith:** Listen. You are learning one thing.

**Student:** What?

**Mrs. Smith:** My \_\_\_\_\_.

**Student:** Agh.



NAME - RESPONSIBILITY - ALARM - FAIR - BED - UNEXCUSED - CHOICES - SCHOLARSHIP - OUTCOME

1. The student said he couldn't take the test because the bus \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. had an accident on the highway
- B. was lagging behind schedule
- C. had a hard time due to bad weather

2. What was the real reason why he didn't make it to class?

- A. He was asleep at home.
- B. He was playing video games in bed.
- C. He was still eating breakfast.

3. What is the program's policy for missing a test?

- A. Students can take the test at a later date for half credit.
- B. Students cannot make up a test for unapproved reasons.
- C. Students can take tests if they submit a doctor's note.

4. Which concern did the student NOT mention about not passing the class?

- A. His girlfriend will leave him unless he pulls up his grades.
- B. The man might lose financial support to pay for his education.
- C. He fears that his parents will feel upset by his actions.

- Match the items on the right to the items on the left

Getting a great scholarship is a positive \_\_\_\_\_ of your hard work.

Please don't \_\_\_\_\_ the blame on your roommate for losing your scholarship.

Oh, \_\_\_\_\_. Don't give up. You should apply for as many scholarships as possible, even if you think you don't qualify for them.

I didn't \_\_\_\_\_ to class because I got up late.

He tried to \_\_\_\_\_ out of paying for school by telling his parents a lie about his grades.

weasel

consequence

come on

shift

make it

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