

	Opponent cooperates	Opponent defects
Cooperate	3	0
Defect	5	1

FIGURE 21.33. In the Prisoner's Dilemma game (see p. 569), the best strategy for each individual is to defect, even though both would do better by cooperating. The first column shows the payoff for each strategy when the opponent cooperates, and the second column shows the payoff when the opponent defects. Whatever the opponent does, it is best to defect; yet, when both defect, both do worse than when both cooperate (payoff 1 vs. 3).