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**Level 0 – 27th June 2024**

## **Major record labels sue AI companies over copyright**

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**Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2406/240627-copyright-infringement-0.html>

A.I. is changing music. Three record labels are suing two A.I. start-up companies. The labels say the start-ups are illegally using their copyrighted music on "an almost unimaginable scale". The labels say the companies could fill the market with "machine-generated content". This could end real music.

A.I. companies say their music is protected under a special law called "fair use". This means people can use material for things like news and comedy. A start-up CEO said his website makes "new output, not...pre-existing content". The record labels want the start-ups to pay \$150,000 per song.

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/ckrrr8yelzvo>  
<https://www.wired.com/story/ai-music-generators-suno-and-udio-sued-for-copyright-infringement/>  
<https://www.billboard.com/pro/major-label-lawsuit-ai-firms-suno-udio-copyright-infringement/>

# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                      |                      |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. A.I. is                           | a. scale             |
| 2. Three record                      | b. up companies      |
| 3. two A.I. start-                   | c. end real music    |
| 4. illegally using their copyrighted | d. labels            |
| 5. an almost unimaginable            | e. generated content |
| 6. say the companies could fill      | f. music             |
| 7. machine-                          | g. the market        |
| 8. This could                        | h. changing music    |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                   |                     |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. A.I. companies say their music | a. "fair use"       |
| 2. a special law called           | b. existing content |
| 3. This means people can          | c. and comedy       |
| 4. for things like news           | d. song             |
| 5. A start-                       | e. output           |
| 6. his website makes new          | f. is protected     |
| 7. pre-                           | g. use material     |
| 8. pay \$150,000 per              | h. up CEO           |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A.I. (1) \_\_\_\_\_ . Three record labels are suing two

A.I. start-up companies. The labels (2) \_\_\_\_\_ are

illegally (3) \_\_\_\_\_ music on "an almost

unimaginable scale". The labels (4) \_\_\_\_\_ could

(5) \_\_\_\_\_ with "machine-generated content".

This could (6) \_\_\_\_\_ .

A.I. companies (7) \_\_\_\_\_ is protected under a

(8) \_\_\_\_\_ "fair use". This means people can use

(9) \_\_\_\_\_ like news and comedy.

(10) \_\_\_\_\_ said his website makes "new output,

(11) \_\_\_\_\_". The record labels want the

(12) \_\_\_\_\_ \$150,000 per song.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# COPYRIGHT SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2406/240627-copyright-infringement-0.html>

Write five GOOD questions about copyright in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

