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Copyright and intellectual property

This series of images and captions explain concepts around copyright and intellectual property.

1		<p>When you create something like a design, story, image, song, movie or a complex idea, it's your intellectual property, and you have the right to decide how it's used.</p>
2		<p>Copyright is the most common form of intellectual property. It means that only you have the right to make copies of the thing you created. You can allow others to share that right, but it's your choice.</p>
3		<p>Downloading and sharing copyrighted works without permission is piracy. Copying the work and claiming that it's yours is plagiarism.</p>



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4	A photograph showing a man sitting on the floor playing a yellow acoustic guitar and a woman standing next to him playing a flute. They are in a public space with a chalkboard in the background.	<p>Pirating intellectual property means the creators don't receive income from their work. This also makes it less likely that they'll create other works in the future.</p>
5	The Creative Commons logo, featuring the letters 'cc' in a circle, followed by the text 'creative commons' and 'SOME RIGHTS RESERVED' below it.	<p>Some creators decide to share their intellectual property under creative commons agreements. This usually means you can copy, share and modify it for free, so long as you acknowledge the creator.</p>
6	A reproduction of the Mona Lisa painting, showing a woman sitting with a subtle smile.	<p>Many stories and images, especially older ones, are public domain, which means that anyone can copy, use and share them. It's still good to acknowledge the creator if you use them in your own work, though.</p>

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