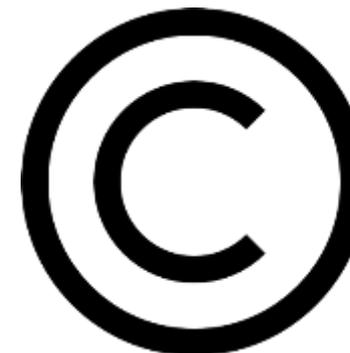


## Resource 2

Look at the resource below, which shares more information about copyright.



### What is copyright?

Copyright is the legal right that protects a piece of work from being copied or redistributed by someone else. It may be a piece of music, a painting or drawing, a poem or story, a photo or video. As long as the piece of work is original and tangible, you are automatically protected by copyright law.

*This symbol indicates copyright but a piece of work still has it, even if the symbol isn't present.*



**Original** – the first ever copy. It has not replicated or imitated someone else's work; it is your own idea or creation.

**Tangible** – the idea has been recorded or written down so is expressed in a physical form.

It can be quite easy to break copyright law without even realising. For example, downloading a game or music without paying for it or making copies and sharing it with friends. Always ask if you are unsure.



### Did you know?

- In the UK, the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 is the current copyright legislation.
- It is illegal to share copyrighted materials on the internet if you do not have the owner's permission.
- Copyright usually belongs to your employer if you create something at work.

Do you think copyright is important? How aware of it are you when sharing materials on the internet?