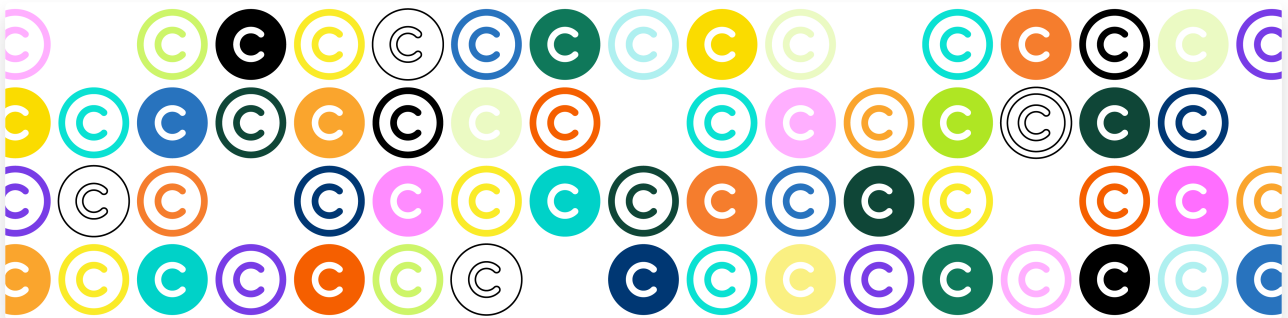


Copyright and the Public Domain

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Everyone has great ideas. It could maybe be a drawing, a song, or even a story. What if someone else used it without asking? Well, there are rules to make sure creators get the credit they deserve! These rules help protect our creations so no one can just take our hard work. Let's learn about **copyright**, the **public domain**, and how to share work the right way!

What is Copyright?

Copyright is a law that protects the work people create. It ensures that no one can copy, sell, or use someone's work without permission. This could be anything—art, music, movies, books, and even software! Copyright gives creators control over their own work, so they can decide who can use it and how.

Public Domain

Some works are no longer under copyright protection. When a creator's copyright expires (usually after **50-70 years**), the work becomes part of the **public domain**.

- **What does this mean?** Anyone can use, modify, or share these works freely, without asking for permission. For example, classic books like "**The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes**" are in the public domain, which means anyone can print and share them for free!

Creative Commons



Not all creators want to keep their work completely to themselves. Some use a **Creative Commons license** to give permission for others to share, use, or change their work, but with some rules.

- For example, the creator might say, "You can use my work, but you must give me credit."
- This is great because it allows people to share creative works while still respecting the original creator's rights.

Using Images

On the internet, you'll find millions of images. But not all of them are free to use! Some images are protected by copyright, and using them without permission could get you into trouble. To stay safe, always use images from trusted sources that offer **free** and **public domain** images. Here are some websites where you can find images that are free to use:

- **Pixabay** (pixabay.com)
- **FreelImages** (freeimages.com)
- **Unsplash** (unsplash.com)
- **Pexels** (pexels.com)
- **Life of Pix** (lifeofpix.com)

Plagiarism

Plagiarism is when you use someone else's words or ideas and pretend they are your own. It's like borrowing someone's amazing drawing and putting your name on it! This is not allowed in school, college, or when you're working.

What Happens When You Plagiarize?

[Plagiarism](#) has some serious impacts, not just for your grades, but for how people see you and how you learn:

- **It's Unfair:** First, it's really unfair to the person who created the original work. They worked hard, thought of the idea, or wrote the words, and they deserve all the credit!
- **You Lose Trust:** If teachers or friends find out you've plagiarized, they might not trust your work or ideas anymore. It's important for people to know your work is truly yours.
- **It Hurts Your Learning:** When you copy someone else's ideas instead of thinking for yourself, you don't actually learn or grow your own brain muscles! The whole point of projects is for *you* to learn.
- **School Consequences:** In school, the impacts can include getting a bad grade (like a zero), or even more serious trouble like suspension from school.

To avoid plagiarism and give credit to others, always write at the bottom of the page where you got your information, or show your sources in a list at the end of your work. That way, everyone knows whose amazing ideas they are!

Critical Thinking Questions

1. Why do you think copyright laws are important? How do they protect creators and their work?
2. Imagine you find a picture online that you want to use for your school project. How would you make sure it's okay to use? What steps can you take to avoid using copyrighted images?

Questions (5)

1. What does copyright do for people's work?

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Choose the correct answer:

- A. Allows anyone to use it freely
- B. Protects it from being copied without permission
- C. Gives it away for free

2. What happens to copyrighted work after 50-70 years?

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Choose the correct answer:

- A. It becomes public domain
- B. It gets erased
- C. It stays protected by copyright forever

3. What does Creative Commons allow creators to do with their work?

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Choose the correct answer:

- A. Keep it all to themselves
- B. Share, use, and modify it with some rights
- C. Sell it to the highest bidder

4. True or False: You can use any photo you find online.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Choose the correct answer:

- A. True
- B. False

5. Where can you find free images that you can use without worrying about copyright?

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Choose the correct answer:

- A. Facebook or Instagram
- B. Amazon and eBay
- C. pixabay.com and pexels.com

Games (2)

1. Copyright and the Public Domain Typing Game

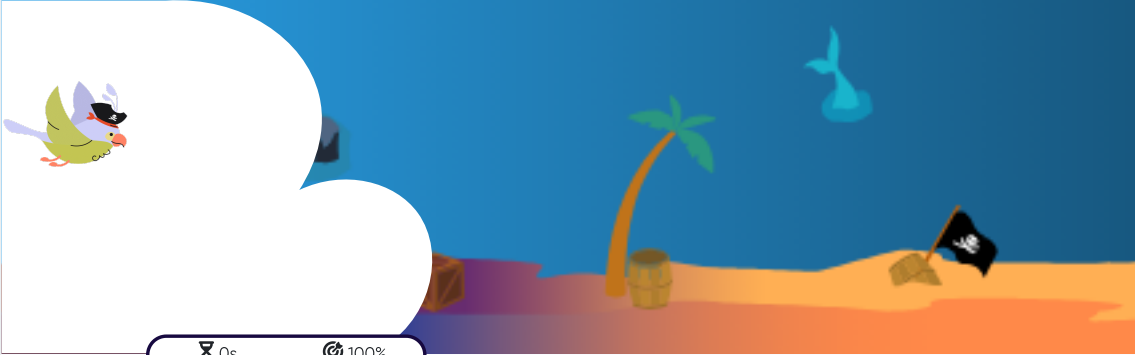
Full Screen

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Instructions

Restart

Pause



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2. Copyright and the Public Domain Matching Game

Full Screen

Audio

Instructions

Answer Key

Pause

Clear All

Check Matches


Attempts: 0

copyright


creative commons

public domain


The copyright has expired or the creator has waived their copyright.

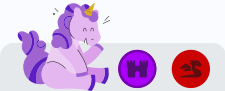


Keeps people's work and materials safe from being copied or used without their permission. You can't use material that is copyrighted without permission.



You can still use that material if you follow the rules set down by the creator.





Puzzle Builders (5)

1. Puzzle Builder #1

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Puzzle Builder #1

Create a puzzle for your character to complete using the **candy theme**. Make sure to complete all the requirements below. Then click preview to test your puzzle!

Requirements0/5

1Start

1End

1Door

1Lever

2Spikes

Submit

Create a grid

Choose a grid size for the puzzle

Columns12345

Rows12345

Choose a Theme

Next

Preview

Save Puzzle

2. Puzzle Builder #2

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Puzzle Builder #2

Create a puzzle for your character to complete using the **ruins theme**. Make sure to complete all the requirements below. Then click preview to test your puzzle!

Requirements0/5

1Start

1End

1Door

1Chest

1Key

Submit

Create a grid

Choose a grid size for the puzzle

Columns12345

Rows12345

Choose a Theme

Next

Preview

Save Puzzle

3. Puzzle Builder #3

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Puzzle Builder #3

Create a puzzle for your character to complete using the **woods theme**. Make sure to complete all the requirements below. Then click preview to test your puzzle!

Requirements0/5

1Start

1End

1Door

2Lever

3Spikes

Submit

Create a grid

Choose a grid size for the puzzle

Columns12345

Rows12345

Choose a Theme

Next

Preview

Save Puzzle

4. Puzzle Builder #4

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Puzzle Builder #4

Create a puzzle for your character to complete using any theme. Make your puzzle **4 columns by 5 rows**. Make sure to complete all the requirements below. Then click preview to test your puzzle!

Requirements0/5

1Start

1End

1Door

1Lever

2Spikes

Submit

Create a grid

Choose a grid size for the puzzle

Columns12345

Rows12345

Choose a Theme

Next

Preview

Save Puzzle

5. Puzzle Builder #5

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Answer Keys & Solutions

Questions

1. What does copyright do for people's work?

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Correct Answer:

- A. Allows anyone to use it freely ✗ Incorrect
- B. Protects it from being copied without permission ✓ Correct
- C. Gives it away for free ✗ Incorrect

Explanation:

Think about what happens when someone creates something cool.

2. What happens to copyrighted work after 50-70 years?

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Correct Answer:

- A. It becomes public domain ✓ Correct
- B. It gets erased ✗ Incorrect
- C. It stays protected by copyright forever ✗ Incorrect

Explanation:

Consider what happens when a copyright gets really old.

3. What does Creative Commons allow creators to do with their work?

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Correct Answer:

- A. Keep it all to themselves ✗ Incorrect
- B. Share, use, and modify it with some rights ✓ Correct
- C. Sell it to the highest bidder ✗ Incorrect

Explanation:

Think about how Creative Commons lets people share their creations

4. True or False: You can use any photo you find online.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Correct Answer:

A. True

✗ Incorrect

B. False

✓ Correct

Explanation:

Some photos are copyrighted.

5. Where can you find free images that you can use without worrying about copyright?

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Correct Answer:

A. Facebook or Instagram

✗ Incorrect

B. Amazon and eBay

✗ Incorrect

C. pixabay.com and pexels.com

✓ Correct

Explanation:

Remember the websites mentioned in the explanation for finding free images.

Games**1. Copyright and the Public Domain Typing Game**

Typing game - no answer key needed. Students practice typing the provided content.

2. Copyright and the Public Domain Matching Game**Matching Game Solutions:**

1. →

2. →

3. →

Students must drag items from the left to match with corresponding items on the right.