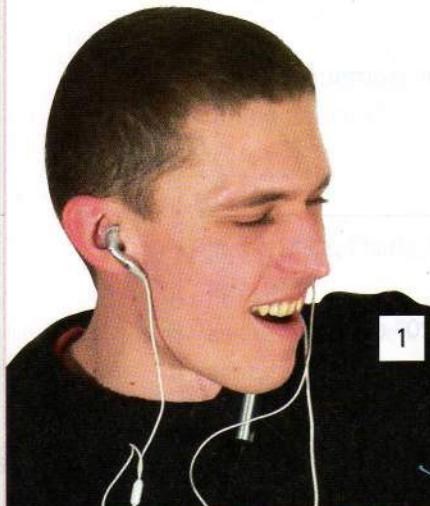


# Music for your ears!

## Warm-up

1 Read what these teenagers say about buying fake CDs. Tell your partner who you agree with and why.



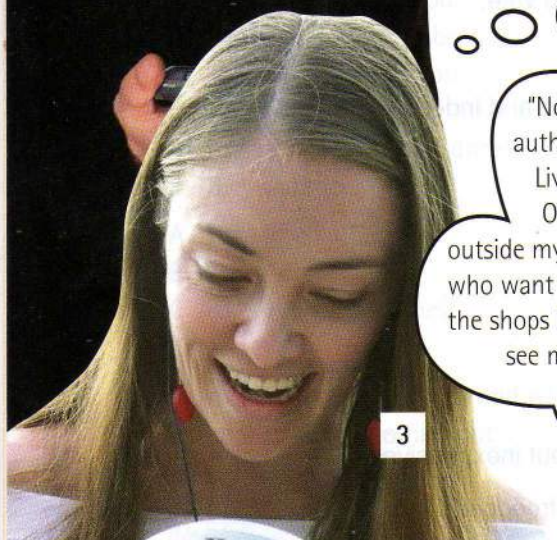
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"Buying fake CDs, apart from ruining artists and producers, contributes to the growth of organised crime. I always buy CDs in the same CD shop. There, before I buy the CD, I can listen to all the tracks, wander around the shop, meet new people. It's a lot more fun than buying CDs on the street."  
*Emma, Canada*



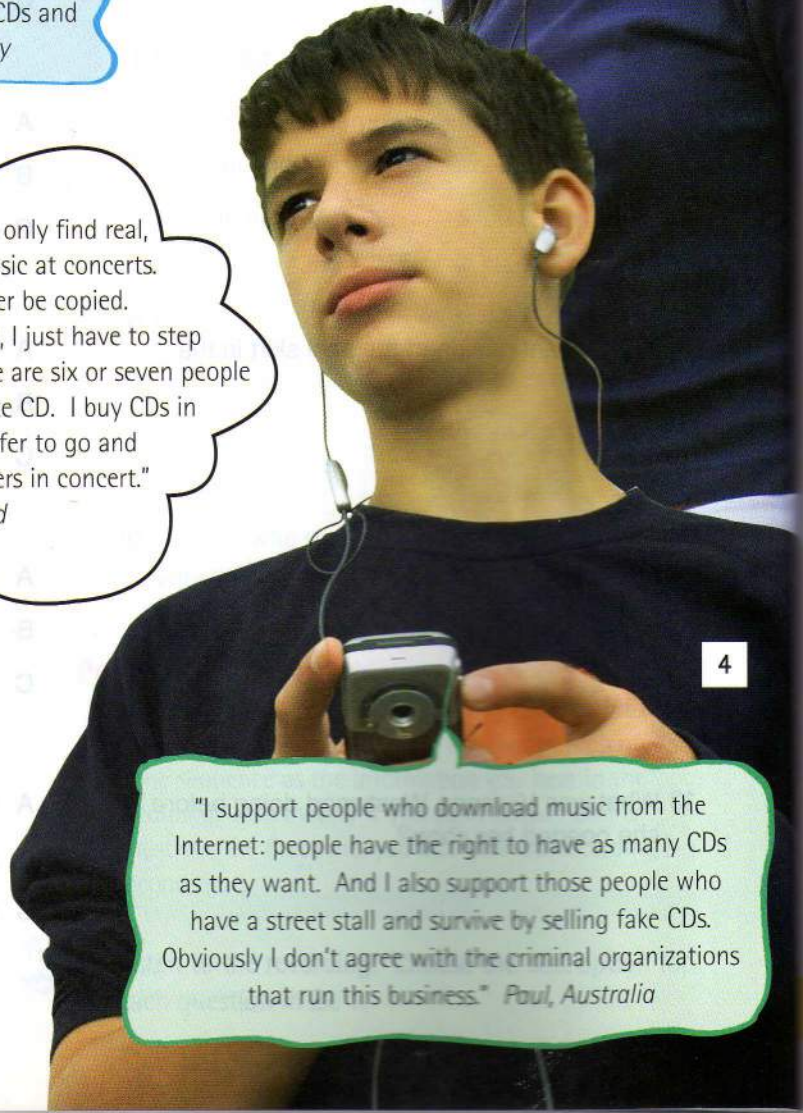
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"CDs cost too much, that's why people buy pirate CDs. The record companies must make the first move and reduce the price of CDs so that more people will buy them. I admit I often buy pirate CDs and download music from the Internet."  
*Ludwig, Germany*



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"Nowadays you can only find real, authentic, quality music at concerts. Live music can never be copied. On the other hand, I just have to step outside my house and there are six or seven people who want to sell me a pirate CD. I buy CDs in the shops but, if I can, I prefer to go and see my favourite singers in concert."  
*Sharon, England*



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"I support people who download music from the Internet: people have the right to have as many CDs as they want. And I also support those people who have a street stall and survive by selling fake CDs. Obviously I don't agree with the criminal organizations that run this business."  
*Paul, Australia*

2 Now answer these questions. Tell your partner.

- a Do you download music from the Internet?
- b Would you buy a CD from a street seller? Why? Why not?
- c Is it easy to buy pirate CDs where you live?



## Reading

3 Is downloading music from the Internet or buying pirate CDs a crime? Discuss your ideas in pairs.

## Listening to Music: Freedom or Piracy?

Internet and the digital era have revolutionised the record industry. Downloading music for free onto your computer is quick and easy. Buying pirate CDs is a cheap alternative to buying the real thing. But is it fair? Let's try to understand 1 \_\_\_\_\_ the consequences of this musical revolution.

Today it is possible to download and listen to your favourite tracks from the Internet in no time at all. The quality is excellent and it costs only the price of the Internet connection. However, downloading music from the Internet is 2 \_\_\_\_\_ and contributes to the phenomenon of computer piracy.

Piracy is the voluntary infringement of the artists' copyright and it is a punishable crime. Downloading music illegally from the Internet causes 3 \_\_\_\_\_ damage, including economic damage. Illegal websites and file sharing systems give life to viruses and spyware. And in the United States breaking copyright laws leads to huge fines of 4 \_\_\_\_\_ to \$30,000. Piracy can be one of two types. There is home piracy which is when you download music for personal use without the 5 \_\_\_\_\_ of using the music to make money. The other type is organised piracy which is when the product is sold with the intention of 6 \_\_\_\_\_ money and is run by organised criminals.

Music piracy has caused a massive fall in CD sales all over the world. In various countries copyright laws for artists have been modified to take into account the changes caused 7 \_\_\_\_\_ the digital era. Although different countries have their own laws, in general, the sense of these new copyright laws is the following: music, film and other work protected by artists' copyright cannot be 8 \_\_\_\_\_ from the Internet without permission. The law protects artists' creativity from people who want to use their work without permission and protects the artists' right to expect fair payment for their work and talent.



4 Read the article and choose the correct word for each space.

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|---|-----------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| 1 | A well    | B good      | C better    | D best    |
| 2 | A illegal | B legal     | C legally   | D lawyer  |
| 3 | A grave   | B bad       | C important | D serious |
| 4 | A over    | B up        | C until     | D down    |
| 5 | A want    | B intention | C goal      | D idea    |
| 6 | A making  | B doing     | C having    | D saving  |
| 7 | A from    | B to        | C at        | D by      |
| 8 | A copy    | B copying   | C copied    | D copies  |

5 Find the words in the article and complete each definition with one of the following words:

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|----------------|---|
| a copyright    | legal and financial recognition of someone's _____      |
| b infringement | breaking the _____                                      |
| c modified     | when something is _____                                 |
| d offender     | a person / country / organisation that breaks the _____ |
| e pirate       | not _____   |
| f piracy       | illegal _____   |