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Copyright is the right to “not copy”. It is offered when an original idea is expressed by the creator or author. It is a right conferred upon the creators of literary, artistic, musical, sound recording and cinematographic film. Copyright is an exclusive right of the creator to prohibit the unauthorized use of the content which includes reproducing & distributing copies of the subject matter.

What is protected under Copyright?

- ✚ Literary work –
Books, Poems, Song Lyrics, Computer Programme
- ✚ Artistic work –
Drawings, Paintings, Sculpture, Technical Drawings, Maps
- ✚ Dramatic work –
Dance, Mime, Screenplay, Films
- ✚ Musical Work
- ✚ Sound Recording
- ✚ Cinematographic films

An author gets the copyright in case of a literary work, an artist gets the copyright in case of an artistic work, a composer has the exclusive rights over his musical composition, a photographer, who clicks the photograph, owns the copyright over his photos and a producer, being the author, owns the copyright over his sound recording work or cinematograph films.

Who owns the Copyright?

The creator of the work gets the copyright. For example: the book *A Song of Ice and Fire* by George R.R. Martin. Here since George R.R. Martin is the author of the book, the copyright is conferred on him.

Term of Copyright Protection

- ✚ Literary, dramatic, musical, and artistic works enjoy copyright for 60 years counted a year from the death of their author.



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- ✚ Anonymous & Pseudonymous works enjoy copyright for 60 years from the year the work was first published.
- ✚ Works of Public Undertakings & Government works enjoy copyright for 60 years from the year the work was first published.
- ✚ Works of International Organizations enjoy copyright for 60 years from the year the work was first published.
- ✚ Sound Recordings enjoy copyright for 60 years from the year in which the recording was published.
- ✚ Cinematograph films enjoy copyright for 60 years from the year in which the film was published.

Unique Feature

The unique feature of copyright is that, the protection of work arises automatically as soon as the work comes into existence. The registration of the content is not mandatory but is essential to exercise exclusive rights in case of an infringement.

Additional Notes:

Copyright Concerns, Plagiarism & Piracy

Today, the youth is highly empowered with the power of internet and digital mediums are aplenty! But with great power, comes great responsibility; as a teacher, you must have come across copied/ plagiarized content provided by students in assignments and projects. It is very important to inform them here that whatever exists on the Internet is NOT free for use. They all belong to someone!

People think whatever is there on the Internet is free for use!

Do you –

- ✚ Take images, text, and animation files from websites and use them in your projects, without permission from the owner of the images, text, animation files?
- ✚ Download and share movies and music from the internet without paying?

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