

Copyright and Metadata made easy



## Lesson Plan 1

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# Copyright : Know your digital rights

## Overview

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These lesson plans provide step-by-step activities to guide pupils through the decisions and considerations they must make before publishing an image, video or sound recording online.

The lessons begin simply, avoiding complicated licensing issues, then build in complexity. We have designed these 6 lessons to help pupils develop their digital skills in areas outlined in the **Digital Competence Framework**, with specific focus on copyright and metadata. At the start of each lesson plan we identify the **DCF Strands and Elements** covered.

**Lessons 1 - 3** are designed for Key Stage 2 and help pupils to gain a basic understanding of metadata and copyright.

**Lessons 4 - 6** are designed for Key Stage 3 and 4, and explore how copyright applies when using other people's creative work and using photographs of people. Some information in lessons 4 - 6 may also be useful and interesting to Key Stage 2 pupils.

## Before you start

- People's Collection Wales is a website packed full of fascinating photographs, documents, videos and stories about the history, culture and people of Wales
- Visit the Teaching Toolbox section of People's Collection Wales to see how pupils can publish content and use the website to improve digital competence skills **[www.peoplescollection.wales/learn/digital](http://www.peoplescollection.wales/learn/digital)**
- The skills developed when creating an account and uploading items to People's Collection Wales closely match many of the requirements of the Digital Competence Framework. Learn how to upload items and create collections using our easy to follow user guides **[www.peoplescollection.wales/help-centre](http://www.peoplescollection.wales/help-centre)**

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# Copyright – Know your digital rights!

**Lesson Objective:** To understand that there is copyright law that protects creative work

### **Digital Competence Framework**

*Key Stage 2*

*Citizenship: 1.3 Digital rights, licensing and ownership*

# Key Messages

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- © This is the copyright symbol. It shows that something is protected by copyright law
- Copyright protects all creative work and stops others from using it without the creator's permission
- Copyright protects these types of work: drawings, paintings, writing, music, drama, photographs, film, television and web content
- Copyright prevents people from copying your work; distributing copies of it whether free of charge or for sale; renting or lending copies of your work; performing, showing or playing your work in public without your permission
- As soon as you create something it is automatically protected by copyright, whether you put the copyright symbol on it or not

## Extra Information

- There are two additional documents that support this lesson; **Copyright Symbol** and **Copyright Definition**. Find these at the end of this lesson or download them from the Teaching Toolbox on People's Collection Wales
- More in-depth information on copyright can be found in lessons 4 and 5. These lessons explore how copyright applies to using other people's work and to using photographs of people. Some of this information may also be useful and interesting to Key Stage 2 pupils
- This lesson will take about 1.5 hours, but could take longer if the pupils want to spend more time on their drawings and poster



## Task 1

Show the pupils the copyright symbol and ask if they know what it means. Explain that it is a symbol that shows something is protected by copyright law.

In pairs or small groups ask pupils to search the term copyright online, then explain what it means to the class. A good definition can be found here: [www.gov.uk/copyright/overview](http://www.gov.uk/copyright/overview)

The Copyright Definition document can be distributed in class after this task.

### **Explain that copyright:**

- Protects all creative work and stops others from using it without the creator's permission
- Protects these types of work: drawings, paintings, writing, music, drama, photographs, film, television and web content
- Prevents people from copying your work; distributing copies of it whether free of charge or for sale; renting or lending copies of your work; performing, showing or playing your work in public without your permission
- As soon as you create something it is automatically protected by copyright, whether you put the copyright symbol on it or not



## Task 2

Ask pupils to use this information to create a poster that explains what sort of items are protected by copyright law. Put these posters up in the classroom and refer to them as and when required.

This poster can also be used to assess that each pupil understands what kinds of work are protected by copyright law.



## Task 3

Ask pupils to quickly draw a picture of their favourite place in the locality. Set a short time limit to create the image. Ask them to place all of the images on a table and divide them into 4 groups.

**Separate your class into four groups and give each group one of the following scenarios:**

- A local tourism company wants to use your images in a campaign to show how much better another local town is than yours
- A local company wants to use your images to make postcards to sell. They want to keep the profit
- The local council wants to use your images to promote your town
- A local company wants to use your images to make postcards to sell. 100% of the profit will go to charity

Ask the pupils to plan how they would respond to these companies by explaining the appropriate section of copyright law. Ask them to decide if they will allow each company to use their images.

Keep the images from this task as you will need them in lesson 2.

Discuss each example and summarise by picking up on points from each case. Summarise what copyright is, what sort of work it protects and how it can prevent people from using creative work without permission.

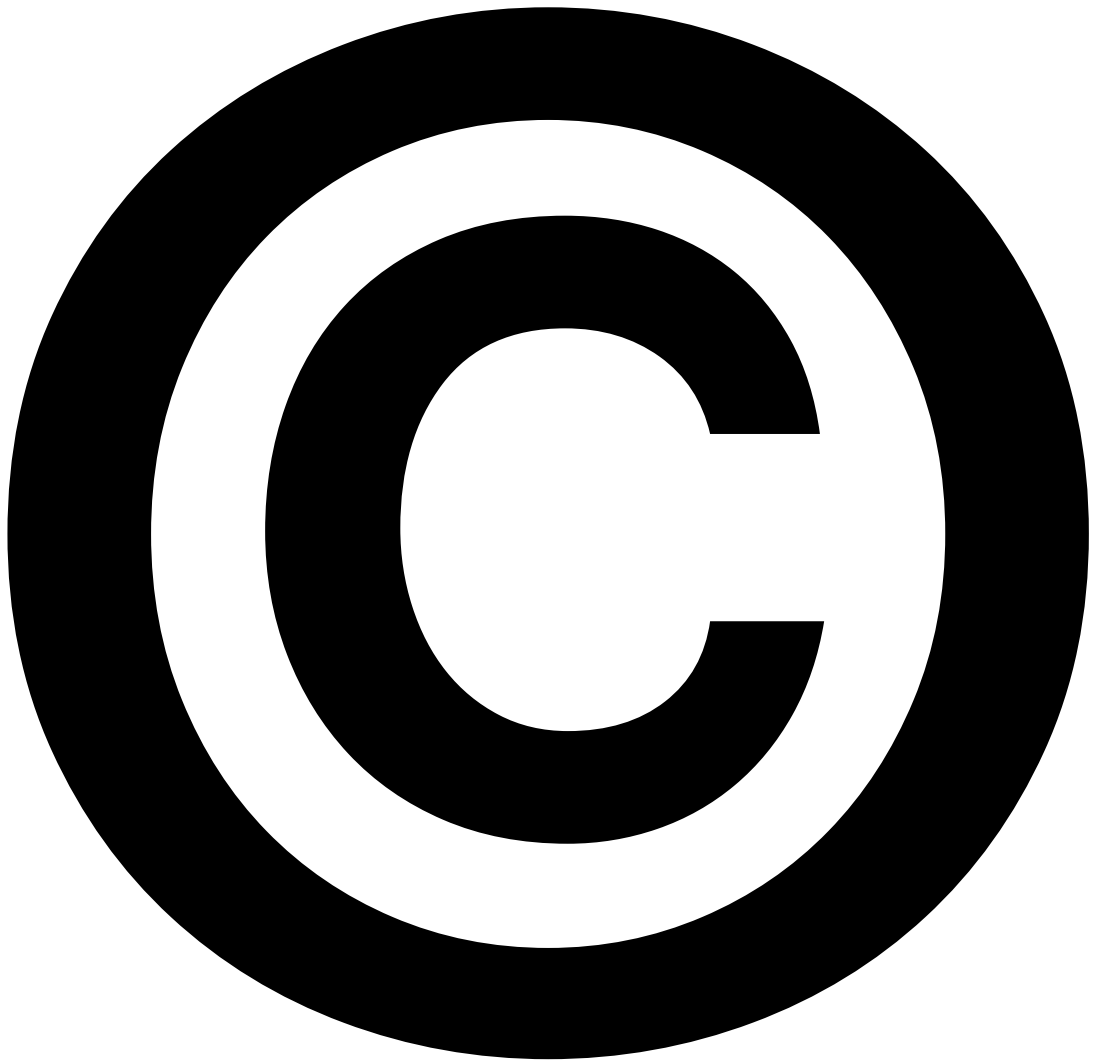


## Task 4

Ask the pupils to complete this Hwb playlist quiz to test their knowledge.

# Copyright Symbol

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# Copyright Definition

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- **Copyright protects your work and stops others from using it without your permission.**
- **You get copyright protection automatically - you don't have to apply or pay a fee. There isn't a register of copyright works in the UK.**
- **You can mark your work with the copyright symbol (©), your name and the year of creation. Whether you mark the work or not doesn't affect the level of protection you have.**
- **Copyright protects these types of work: drawings, paintings, writing, music, drama, photographs, film, television and web content.**

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