

Before you start

- 1 Tick (✓) the kind of music you like. Make a list of other types of music.
pop rock classical jazz
- 2 What is good or bad about downloading music from the Internet? Make a list.

Reading

- 3 Milos (M) is a music fan. Kamila (K) works in the music industry. They are in a chat room. Read the dialogue and tick (✓) the topics they talk about.

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| 1 Making copies of songs from the Internet. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 How much money the music industry loses. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 How Napster sent music to people. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 What peer-to-peer music sharing is. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 How to stop peer-to-peer sharing. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 Which are the best legal music websites. | <input type="checkbox"/> |



M Downloading music is great. I can get all the songs I like, when I want to get them.

K That's true, but if you don't pay for it, you're breaking copyright law.

M Really? Why is it against the law?

K Well, getting music for free costs the music industry billions in lost income, so we have less to spend on new bands and singers.

M Was that the problem with Napster?

K Yes. Napster created a file-sharing system using the MP3 audio format. People could connect to a central location and others could then download their files using the server. Napster closed down in 2001 because it was breaking the law.

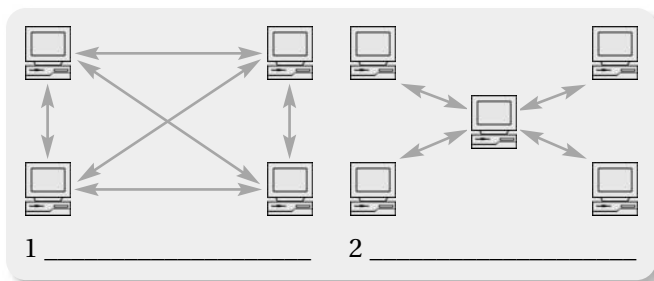
M I see, but peer-to-peer music swapping is legal, isn't it? It's just two people sharing music – they're not using a central server.

K No, it's still illegal, I'm afraid.

M Actually, peer-to-peer isn't that great – you don't get much choice because it depends on who's online at the same time as you. Can you download music legally?

K Yes, there are several Web-based music services that charge a fee. It's really worth paying. The choice and quality of the music is better and they offer other services such as music reviews and chat rooms. Try one!

- 4 Label the diagrams *central location* and *peer-to-peer*.



- 5 Match the first part of the sentence (1–6) with the second part (a–f).

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| 1 The record industry loses money | a to join a legal music website. |
| 2 Napster used | b give a lot of music services. |
| 3 You have to pay money | c is illegal. |
| 4 The best music websites | d the MP3 audio format. |
| 5 Peer-to-peer sharing | e because of peer-to-peer sharing. |

Vocabulary

- 6 Find the words in the text that mean:

- 1 money people receive for work _____
- 2 related to sound _____
- 3 someone of the same type/group _____
- 4 exchanging something with someone _____
- 5 dividing something between people _____
- 6 against the law _____
- 7 money you pay for a service _____

Speaking

- 7 Work in groups. What do you think about copyright laws and downloading music from the Internet?

Writing

- 8 Write two paragraphs on downloading music for free. The first should give the record companies' and artists' views and the second should give music listeners' views.

▶ Get real

Visit one or more websites offering music downloads for a fee. Make notes on the type of music they give you, the services they offer, and the cost. Report back to the class, saying which site you think is the best, and why.