1 VOCABULARY FOCUS

I can get it for free.



What kind of music do you like to listen to? Has the way you listen to or purchase music changed in the past five years? How?

A Pair work. **Read this article about a controversy and answer the questions with a partner.**

1. What is the problem?
2. What are the two opposing viewpoints?

Recently, companies in the recording industry have begun cracking down on people who download music for free on the Internet. It made the news recently when two dozen college students were taken to court for downloading copyrighted music and movies. Their case is still pending and the outcome is uncertain. It remains to be seen whether this case will have an effect on how and where consumers get their music in the future.

Is downloading a crime? Critics argue that for years, the music industry has churned out mainstream fare that is mediocre and too expensive. Due to downloading, companies are panicking because they are losing their monopoly on music production. These large corporations are greedy, say critics, and are simply afraid of losing control.

Others argue that the artists and those who produce the products must be compensated fairly for their work. When you download music for free, you rip off the people who make the music by robbing them of their income. Supporters of this argument remind us that unauthorized copying of music is not only unethical—it's also illegal! Not all of the companies making music products are huge corporations, after all. Small companies, which often feature emerging artists, are also hurt.

B **Find an expression in blue in A that means:**

1. poor in quality mediocre
2. waiting to be decided _____
3. beginning to be known or noticed _____
4. not officially approved _____
5. strictly enforcing laws _____
6. cheat _____
7. wanting more money, control, or power _____
8. had legal action taken against _____
9. produced quickly without attention to quality _____
10. complete control by a business or group of businesses _____
11. not morally right _____
12. feeling fear and anxiety _____
13. given payment _____
14. people who buy things _____

C Group work. **In the same article in A, there was a poll. Read the polling options below and vote for the one you agree with most. Then share your answers as a group.**

Reader's Poll: What do you think about downloading music from the Internet for free? Check the opinion you agree with.

- ☐ I'm against it. Downloading music from the Internet rips off the people who make the music.
- ☐ I think we need to compromise. Downloading music is good for emerging artists and consumers.
- ☐ I don't know. Downloading lets us listen to different kinds of music, but maybe we should pay something.
- ☐ I'm all for it. The Internet is about the free sharing of ideas.

Real English
be all for (something) = completely support an action, idea, etc.

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Vocabulary Builder

Pair work. **Read these expressions that contain the words *eye* and *see*. Then work with a partner to use them to complete the story below.**

remains to be seen = is not certain (what will happen)
saw eye to eye = agreed; had the same opinion
turned a blind eye = pretended not to notice (bad behavior)
wait and see = be patient
have seen the light = understood something
opened my eyes = made me aware of
see what I can do = try to help

Two weeks ago I received a letter from a large record company. I was being taken to court for breaking the law. My crime? Downloading free music from the Internet!

I couldn't believe it. I'm only a college student. I've never been in trouble before. But I guess this has been a problem for a while. At first, the music industry (1) _____ to the problem. Now they are doing something about it.

I met my lawyer last week. "Will I have to pay a big fine?" I asked. "I don't know," he said. "That (2) _____." He assured me, "I'll do my best–I'll (3) _____." Fortunately, we all (4) _____ on one thing: no one wants to see me put in jail for this! That's a relief.

Even though I'm anxious, there's nothing I can do about it now. I'll just have to (5) _____. This experience has really (6) _____ to the seriousness of downloading music illegally. Before I received the letter, I was unaware of it. I can also say that I finally (7) _____ when it comes to free downloading: I'm going to stop doing it!

2 LISTENING

Our cities are growing.

A Pair work. **Read and discuss these two predictions with a partner. Do you think these trends are positive or negative? Why?**

- According to U.N.-Habitat, 60% of the world's population will be living in cities by 2030.
- The urban population will grow from 2.86 billion to nearly five billion.

B **Listen. Two experts are being interviewed about unchecked urban growth. Which of the four statements represents the *main* point Fiona is trying to make? Which statement best represents Hector's opinion?** (CD Tracks 11 & 12)

1. Fiona __
2. Hector __

a. Good planning can solve urban problems.
b. We must limit the growth of our cities.
c. It's more violent in our cities.
d. A more organized transportation system is the key.

C **Listen again. Complete each statement the speaker makes.** (CD Track 13)

1. Fiona
   a. In this city, for example, there's a serious _____.
   b. This unchecked urban sprawl destroys _____ for the city.
2. Hector
   a. There's widespread _____ and lack of _____.
   b. Since 1989, the citizens there have worked together to raise the _____.
   c. We can build and coordinate _____ that don't pollute the environment as much.

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