

Copyright and the law

The internet is full of images and other resources.

It's really easy to just use one in your work and not know why that's a **big deal**.

**You can't just use any image you find.
It's illegal**

What is copyright

Every image* on the internet is owned by someone.

Even if it doesn't say so on the webpage.

Which means that you **can't** just use anything you find.

This is all to do with **copyright**.

* Whenever these slides talk about images, the same applies to video, sound, text and other resources

What is copyright

If something is **copyrighted**, it means that it belongs to someone and you can't just use it without permission.

The © is the copyright symbol.

But: even if the image doesn't have a © by it, it's still copyright.

Assume that **everything** belongs to someone unless it says you can use it.

What is copyright

If someone uses an image without permission they can be fined.

Fines of thousands of pounds for using copyrighted images are common.

This is particularly important for **commercial products** - DVD covers, magazines, book covers etc...

What can I do about this?

1. **Know** that you can't just use anything you find on the internet
2. Use **copyright free resources**
You can find where to source copyright free resources on my website - images, sounds and videos
3. Understand that this is a **big deal** and that any commercial product **must** comply with copyright