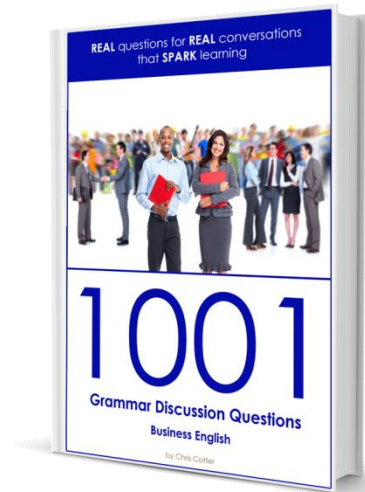
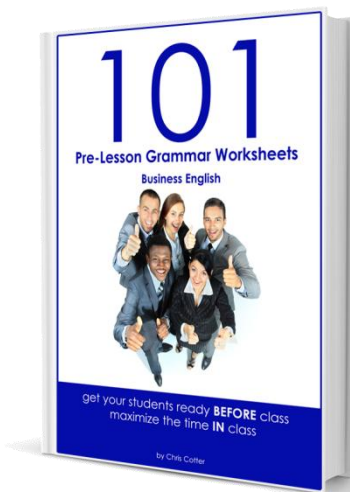
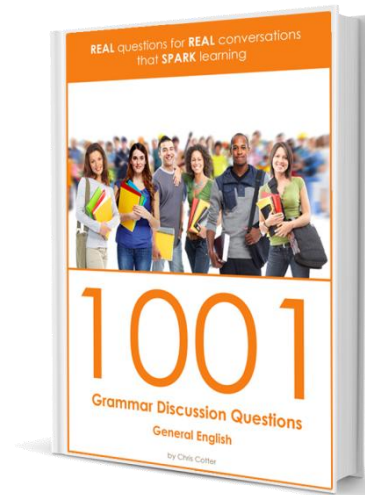
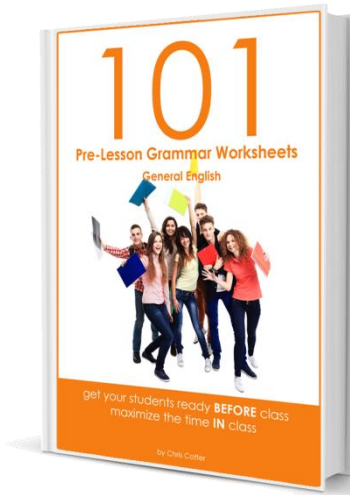
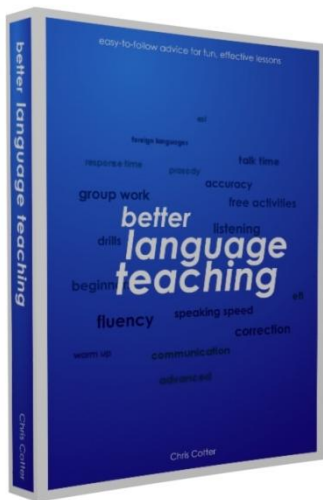


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the ARTICLE

Read the article.

Who buys DVDs or CDs these days? Of course, many download music through iTunes or Amazon, legally purchasing a data copy of the work. However, other individuals have quit making any purchases. They instead turn to illegal downloads via person-to-person networks on the Internet.

Movie and music companies claim that downloads significantly reduce their profits. Once a movie has been watched, the majority of viewers won't watch it again. In other words, they'll spend their hard-earned cash elsewhere. The same holds true of music. However, the movie and music industry continue to thrive, mostly because people who download thus sample other work. In fact, many outside the industry suggest that file sharing has reinvigorated the entertainment industry.

WARM UP

Discuss the question with your partner for five minutes.

1: Have you ever downloaded movies or music? Do you know people who have?

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

Answer the questions before/after your read the article.

1: What information isn't true?

- a: many people download music legally
- b: fewer people spend their money these days
- c: file sharing may have reinvigorated the entertainment industry
- d: all of the above

2: What best describes the opinion of the author?

- a: supportive of downloading
- b: someone who thinks money is important
- c: supportive of the entertainment's industry's concerns
- d: someone who has reinvigorated the entertainment industry

DISCUSS

Discuss these questions with a partner. Remember to support your answers.

1: Why do people illegally download movies and music? Please explain.

2: Should people who illegally download be punished? Why/not?

3: Can you think of any reasons that file sharing should be legal?