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Text:	<p>Tsuyoshi raised an interesting issue currently in the news about (JASRAC), the Japanese Society for Rights of Authors, Composers and Publishers, which is pursuing a legal action to collect copyright fees from music schools, Yamaha and Kawai.</p> <p>The music schools have been using famous music scores royalty-free for decades, but now the net is closing in as JASRAC tries to collect monies it believes is due to them as it has done with fitness clubs since 2011, culture centers from 2012 and singing schools from 2016.</p> <p>The issue is that the producer of original music, famous or otherwise, should be paid a royalty for their work each time it is played.</p> <p>Any music you buy on a CD in a shop or download is only allowed to be played for personal use, and not to be shared. Anyone who benefits from hearing such music in a public place or private business building should pay.</p> <p>It is, of course, crazy to expect that people incidentally hearing such music could be expected to pay, hence the person or organisation responsible for playing the music needs a licence. On the other hand, if you play music loudly in a public place in your car, is that an offence?</p> <p>It doesn't seem that payments will be required retrospectively in this case.</p>
Dis...cussion:	<p>Do you think JASRAC have a good case against the music schools?</p> <p>Have you ever broken the law at work or an event?</p>
Words and usage:	<p>Retrospectively</p> <p>This refers to an action that is taken at the present time to rectify a mistake that happened in the past. For example, if money should have been paid at a past time but was not, it may be legally demanded now. Backdate is a similar verb form.</p>
Resources:	<p>https://translate.weblio.jp</p> <p>Oxford Dictionaries. http://www.oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com</p> <p>The British Council website. https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org</p>
Practice idea:	<p>Write about any instances of backdated payments you received, and explain the reasoning if you are able.</p>
Listening link:	<p>Music licensing - audio</p> 
Quiz Me! Conversation card:	<p>Card number A6 below is from Starter Pack 1, available at englishbooks.jp, Amazon and Rakuten</p>

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