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Spotify will not ban AI-made music

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Artificial intelligence websites like ChatGPT are less than a year old, but they have got people asking many questions. One question is whether music produced by AI is real music. Daniel Ek, the boss of the streaming site Spotify, has answered this question. He said many uses of AI for making music are OK. He told the BBC that Spotify has no plans to ban music created with AI. This includes the auto-tune software that helps singers correct their pitch and add vocal effects. Mr Ek said auto-tunes improves music. Mr Ek did not like software for mimicking (copying) the voice of an artist.

Daniel Ek said AI in music will be debated for "many years". He said the biggest problem is copying the voice of other singers. Spotify deleted one song created by an AI platform. Software copied the voices of the singers Drake, and The Weeknd. Neither Drake nor The Weeknd knew about the song. Mr Ek highlighted how serious the problem of copying singers' voices is. He said: "You can imagine someone uploading a song claiming to be Madonna." He said it will be difficult to know if a song is "sung" by a bot or a human. He said the future of music is going to be "tricky".

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/technology-66882414>
<https://cybernews.com/news/spotify-will-not-ban-ai-created-content/>
<https://finance.yahoo.com/news/spotify-not-ban-ai-made-233353784.html>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. websites like ChatGPT are | a. this question |
| 2. they have got people | b. is real music |
| 3. music produced by AI | c. correct their pitch |
| 4. The boss of the | d. asking questions |
| 5. Spotify has answered | e. to ban music |
| 6. Spotify has no plans | f. voice of a singer |
| 7. software that helps singers | g. less than a year old |
| 8. software that copies the | h. streaming site |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. AI in music will | a. a bot or a human |
| 2. the biggest problem is | b. by an AI platform |
| 3. Spotify deleted a song created | c. is a problem |
| 4. copied the voices of | d. be debated |
| 5. copying singers' voices | e. will be tricky |
| 6. anyone can upload | f. the singers |
| 7. if a song is sung by | g. copying singers |
| 8. the future of music | h. a song |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Daniel Ek said AI in music will (7) _____ "many years". He said the biggest problem is (8) _____ of other singers. Spotify deleted one song created by an AI platform. Software copied the voices of the singers Drake, and The Weeknd. Neither Drake nor The Weeknd (9) _____ song. Mr Ek highlighted how serious the problem of copying singers' voices is. He said: "(10) _____ someone uploading a song claiming to be Madonna." He said it will be difficult to know if a song is "sung" by (11) _____ a human. He said the future of music is going (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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AI MUSIC SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about AI music in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

