INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

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	Patent	Copyright
What does it protect?	It is granted for discovery of scientific work (technology), shown for the first time in public and having industrial application	It protects literature, artistic works, computer programs or TV broadcasts
How do you get it?	It must be applied for at the Patent Office	It need not be applied for.
Who holds/owns it?	It is usually held by a company rather than the individual scientist.	It is usually owned by the creator, i.e. writer, painter or musician.

CONTRASTING INFORMATION

Summarise the differences between patents and copyrights using prepositions **UNLIKE** or **AS OPPOSED TO**.

Examples:

- Unlike spouses, unmarried partners do not have the right to inherit from each other.
- As opposed to sole traders who pay tax on profits only, companies have two layers of tax.
- Self-employed persons, unlike employees, must take care of their own social security.

Giving arguments

 Group A – you strongly oppose to any limitations, copying and downloading should be allowed fully.

 Group B – Copying and downloading at home is just as bad as stealing from a store.

 Group C – some copying should be allowed but it has to be regulated. How?