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Spotify will not ban AI-made music

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THE ARTICLE

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Daniel Ek said using AI in music will be debated for "many, many years". He said the biggest problem is when AI copies the voice of other singers. Spotify deleted one song created by the AI platform Ghostwriter. The software copied the voices of the singers Drake, and The Weeknd. The song was even submitted for a Grammy music award, but it was rejected. Neither Drake nor The Weeknd knew about the song. Mr Ek highlighted how serious the problem of cloning singers' voices is. He said: "You can imagine someone uploading a song, claiming to be Madonna, even if they're not." He said it will be difficult to tell if a song is "sung" by a bot or a human. He added that the future of music production 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>

WARM-UPS

1. AI MUSIC: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about AI music. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

artificial intelligence / websites / ChatGPT / music / streaming / auto-tunes / software debate / voice / singers / song / music award / uploading / bot / human / the future

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. REAL MUSIC: Students A **strongly** believe music should only come from singers and musicians, not from technology; Students B **strongly** believe technology helps music. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. AI: How can AI help these things? Are there any dangers? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Help	Dangers
Studying English		
Music		
Transport		
Hospitals		
War		
Cooking		

5. INTELLIGENCE: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "intelligence". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. MUSIC: Rank these with your partner. Put the best genres at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Pop
- Rock
- Country
- Hip-hop
- Jazz
- Electro
- Reggae
- Classical

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------|--|
| 1. artificial | a. A person who is in charge of a worker, group, or organization. |
| 2. produced | b. Put right something that was wrong. |
| 3. boss | c. Made or produced by human beings and not happening naturally, especially as a copy of something natural. |
| 4. streaming | d. Made something using creative skills. |
| 5. ban | e. A method of sending or getting data (video and music) over a computer network as a steady, continuous flow. |
| 6. correct | f. Officially stop someone from doing something. |
| 7. improves | g. Makes better. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------|---|
| 8. debated | h. Drew special attention to. |
| 9. deleted | i. Argue about a subject. |
| 10. submitted | j. Said no to something because it is unacceptable, or damaged. |
| 11. rejected | k. Making an identical (exact) copy of. |
| 12. highlighted | l. Remove / erased data from a computer's memory. |
| 13. cloning | m. Difficult or problematic. |
| 14. tricky | n. Gave something to a person or body for consideration or judgement. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2309/230928-spotify-ai-music.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. ChatGPT has been making music for many years. **T / F**
2. The boss of Spotify said AI-generated music is the best. **T / F**
3. Spotify's boss said auto-tune software helps to make music better. **T / F**
4. Spotify's boss disagrees with software that copies singers' voices. **T / F**
5. Spotify's boss said people won't talk about AI and music for too long. **T / F**
6. The singer Drake made a song with the AI platform Ghostwrite. **T / F**
7. Spotify's boss said it's OK to upload a song and pretend to be Madonna. **T / F**
8. Spotify's boss said the future of music will be tricky. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|--------------------|----------------|
| 1. such as | a. removed |
| 2. produced | b. assists |
| 3. ban | c. discussed |
| 4. helps | d. created |
| 5. artist | e. important |
| 6. debated | f. like |
| 7. deleted | g. turned down |
| 8. rejected | h. difficult |
| 9. serious | i. prohibit |
| 10. tricky | j. singer |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|--|-------------------------------|
| 1. Artificial intelligence websites such | a. correct their pitch |
| 2. the boss of the music streaming | b. by a bot or a human |
| 3. music created | c. music |
| 4. software that helps singers | d. going to be tricky |
| 5. Mr Ek said auto-tunes improves | e. Grammy music award |
| 6. AI copies the | f. as ChatGPT |
| 7. The song was even submitted for a | g. singers' voices is |
| 8. how serious the problem of cloning | h. by artificial intelligence |
| 9. tell if a song is "sung" | i. voice of other singers |
| 10. the future of music production is | j. site Spotify |

GAP FILL

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software
whether
copying
less
effects
plans
improves
answered

Daniel Ek said using AI in music will be (9) _____ for "many, many years". He said the biggest problem is when AI copies the voice of other singers. Spotify (10) _____ one song created by the AI platform Ghostwriter. The software copied the (11) _____ of the singers Drake, and The Weeknd. The song was even submitted for a Grammy music (12) _____, but it was rejected. Neither Drake nor The Weeknd knew about the song. Mr Ek highlighted how serious the problem of (13) _____ singers' voices is. He said: "You can imagine someone uploading a song, claiming to be Madonna, (14) _____ if they're not." He said it will be difficult to tell if a song is "sung" by a (15) _____ or a human. He added that the future of music production is going to be "(16) _____".

even
voices
debated
tricky
deleted
cloning
bot
award

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) Artificial intelligence websites such as ChatGPT and Google's Bard are less than _____
 - a. the year old
 - b. a yearly age
 - c. a year old
 - d. a year age
- 2) One question is whether music and art produced by AI is real _____
 - a. musical art
 - b. muse sicken art
 - c. muse sicken arts
 - d. music and art
- 3) Spotify has no plans to ban all music created _____
 - a. by artificial intelligent
 - b. by artificial intelligences
 - c. by artificial intelligence
 - d. by artificial intelligence is
- 4) auto-tune software that helps singers correct their pitch and can _____
 - a. and vocal effects
 - b. add vocal effects
 - c. add vocal effect
 - d. add vocal affects
- 5) One use of AI Mr Ek did not like was software for mimicking (copying) the voice _____
 - a. off an artist
 - b. of an artistry
 - c. of an art tryst
 - d. of an artist
- 6) Spotify deleted one song created by _____
 - a. the AI platform
 - b. the AI plate form
 - c. the AI plait form
 - d. the AI plaid form
- 7) The song was even submitted for a Grammy music award, but _____
 - a. it was injected
 - b. it was subjected
 - c. it was ejected
 - d. it was rejected
- 8) the problem of _____
 - a. clowning singers' voices
 - b. crowing singers' voices
 - c. cloning singers' voices
 - d. clown in singers' voices
- 9) He said it will be difficult to tell if a song is "sung" _____
 - a. by abbot
 - b. by a bot
 - c. buyer bot
 - d. buy a bot
- 10) He added that the future of music production is going _____
 - a. tube tricky
 - b. to be ticklish
 - c. to be trickling
 - d. to be tricky

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Daniel Ek said using AI in music will (7) _____ "many, many years". He said the biggest problem is when AI copies the voice of other singers. Spotify deleted one song created by the AI platform Ghostwriter. The software (8) _____ of the singers Drake, and The Weeknd. The song was even submitted for a Grammy music award, but (9) _____. Neither Drake nor The Weeknd knew about the song. Mr Ek highlighted how serious the problem of cloning singers' voices is. He said: "You can imagine (10) _____ song, claiming to be Madonna, even if they're not." He said it will be difficult to tell if a (11) _____ by a bot or a human. He added that the future of music production is going (12) _____.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2309/230928-spotify-ai-music.html>

1. How old is Google's Bard AI website?
2. What is the role in Spotify of Daniel Ek?
3. Which news agency did Daniel Ek talk to?
4. What did Daniel Ek say auto-tunes does to music?
5. What does Mr Ek not like?
6. For how long will using AI in music be debated?
7. What is Ghostwriter?
8. What happened when an AI song was submitted for a Grammy award?
9. What did Mr Ek say a song might be sung by besides a human?
10. What did Daniel Ek say the future of music would be?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2309/230928-spotify-ai-music.html>

- 1) How old is Google's Bard AI website?
 - a) 18 months old
 - b) a year old
 - c) less than a year old
 - d) 13 months old
- 2) What is the role in Spotify of Daniel Ek?
 - a) the boss
 - b) the lead singer
 - c) a guitarist
 - d) the producer
- 3) Which news agency did Daniel Ek talk to?
 - a) CNN
 - b) the BBC
 - c) ABC
 - d) Al Jazeera
- 4) What did Daniel Ek say auto-tunes does to music?
 - a) ruins it
 - b) makes it faster
 - c) makes it boring
 - d) improves it
- 5) What does Mr Ek not like?
 - a) opera
 - b) artificial intelligence
 - c) copying singers' voices
 - d) CDs
- 6) For how long will using AI in music be debated?
 - a) a little while
 - b) for many, many years
 - c) a few months
 - d) until the cows come home
- 7) What is Ghostwriter?
 - a) a scary theme park
 - b) a horror movie
 - c) a haunted house
 - d) an AI platform
- 8) What happened when an AI song was submitted for a Grammy award?
 - a) It won.
 - b) It was rejected.
 - c) It came second.
 - d) It got to number one.
- 9) What did Mr Ek say a song might be sung by besides a human?
 - a) a dog
 - b) a bot
 - c) a television
 - d) a radio
- 10) What did Daniel Ek say the future of music would be?
 - a) tricky
 - b) long
 - c) exciting
 - d) musical

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2309/230928-spotify-ai-music.html>

Role A – Pop

You think pop is the best musical genre. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their genres. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): hip-hop, jazz or classical.

Role B – Hip-hop

You think hip-hop is the best musical genre. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their genres. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): pop, jazz or classical.

Role C – Jazz

You think jazz is the best musical genre. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their genres. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): hip-hop, pop or classical.

Role D – Classical

You think classical is the best musical genre. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their genres. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): hip-hop, jazz or pop.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2309/230928-spotify-ai-music.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'music' and 'ban'.

music	ban
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• less• real• OK• helps• improves• mimicking	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• many• deleted• even• knew• difficult• tricky
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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.

AI MUSIC DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'AI'?
3. What are your favourite kinds of music?
4. What do you think of music created by artificial intelligence?
5. What do you think of ChatGPT and Bard?
6. Is music made with AI real music?
7. Should streaming sites ban music created with artificial intelligence?
8. What do you think of singers using the auto-tune software?
9. What do you think of AI copying the voice of other singers?
10. Is the music of today or the music of the 60s, 70s and 80s best?

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AI MUSIC DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'music'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What will people say in the AI-music debate?
15. Should AI-generated music be allowed to get music awards?
16. What's best – vinyl, CDs or streaming?
17. Would you like to be a singer?
18. Is music getting better or worse?
19. Why might the future of music be 'tricky'?
20. What questions would you like to ask Mr Ek?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|
| 1. | (a) fewer | (b) less | (c) few | (d) smaller |
| 2. | (a) weather | (b) whether | (c) wither | (d) whither |
| 3. | (a) simmering | (b) storming | (c) steaming | (d) streaming |
| 4. | (a) not | (b) no | (c) know | (d) nor |
| 5. | (a) and | (b) more | (c) plus | (d) add |
| 6. | (a) singer | (b) musician | (c) artist | (d) arty |
| 7. | (a) debated | (b) debating | (c) debates | (d) debate |
| 8. | (a) of | (b) to | (c) by | (d) at |
| 9. | (a) signed | (b) evolved | (c) defined | (d) rejected |
| 10. | (a) is | (b) be | (c) are | (d) were |
| 11. | (a) even | (b) so | (c) such | (d) what |
| 12. | (a) tricky | (b) magic | (c) problem | (d) artificially |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. Artificial entecliingle
2. music and art orcduped by AI
3. the music mietsargn site Spotify
4. add vocal efscfte
5. auto-tunes vesiorpm music
6. the evcio of an artist

Paragraph 2

7. edetadb for many, many years
8. Spotify deletde one song
9. submitted for a Grammy music wrdaa
10. it was eerctjd
11. diogalnpu a song
12. music production is going to be yrtcki

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2309/230928-spotify-ai-music.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () uses of AI for making music that are OK. He told the BBC that Spotify has no plans to ban all music created
- () asking many questions. One question is whether music and art produced by AI is real music
- () music. One use of AI Mr Ek did not like was software for mimicking (copying) the voice of an artist.
- () a song, claiming to be Madonna, even if they're not." He said it will be difficult to tell if a song is "sung"
- () by a bot or a human. He added that the future of music production is going to be "tricky".
- () and art. Daniel Ek, the boss of the music streaming site Spotify, has answered this question. He said there are many
- () serious the problem of cloning singers' voices is. He said: "You can imagine someone uploading
- () award, but it was rejected. Neither Drake nor The Weeknd knew about the song. Mr Ek highlighted how
- () pitch and can add vocal effects to a singer's voice. Mr Ek said auto-tunes improves
- () is when AI copies the voice of other singers. Spotify deleted one song created by the AI platform Ghostwriter. The software
- () by artificial intelligence. This includes the auto-tune software that helps singers correct their
- () Daniel Ek said using AI in music will be debated for "many, many years". He said the biggest problem
- () copied the voices of the singers Drake, and The Weeknd. The song was even submitted for a Grammy music
- (**1**) Artificial intelligence websites such as ChatGPT and Google's Bard are less than a year old, but they have been

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. real . produced and is Music art AI by
2. Spotify . of site streaming music the boss The
3. He are AI . many there of said uses
4. their Auto-tune singers helps that software pitch . correct
5. not AI Mr Ek did of like . One use
6. years . for Music debated will many, many be
7. biggest is copies problem when AI The voices .
8. deleted by one created song AI . Spotify
9. the the Drake voice copied singer Software of
10. song . can You someone a uploading imagine

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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Artificial intelligence websites *such / like* as ChatGPT and Google's Bard are less than a year old, but they have been *asks / asking* many questions. One question is *whether / weather* music and art produced *by / at* AI is real music and art. Daniel Ek, the boss of the music *steaming / streaming* site Spotify, has answered this question. He said there are many uses of AI for making music that *is / are* OK. He told the BBC that Spotify has no plans to ban *all / every* music created by artificial intelligence. This includes the auto-tune software that helps singers correct their *patch / pitch* and can add vocal effects to a singer's voice. Mr Ek said auto-tunes *improves / improving* music. One use of AI Mr Ek did not like was software *to / for* mimicking (copying) the voice of an artist.

Daniel Ek said using AI in music will be *debating / debated* for "many, many years". He said the biggest problem is *what / when* AI copies the voice of *other / another* singers. Spotify deleted one song created by the AI *stage / platform* Ghostwriter. The software copied the voices of the singers Drake, and The Weeknd. The song was even *omitted / submitted* for a Grammy music award, but it was rejected. Neither Drake nor The Weeknd knew about the song. Mr Ek highlighted how *seriously / serious* the problem of cloning singers' voices *are / is*. He said: "You can imagine someone uploading a song, *calming / claiming* to be Madonna, even if they're not." He said it will be difficult to tell *if / what* a song is "sung" by a bot or a human. He added that the future of music production is going to be *"tricked" / "tricky"*.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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_rt_f_c__l _nt_ll_g_nc_ w_bs_t_s s_ch _s Ch_tGPT _nd
G__gl_'s B_r_d _r_ l_ss th_n _ y__r _ld, b_t th_y h_v_
b__n _sk_ng m_ny q__st__ns. _n_ q__st__n _s wh_th_r
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m_s_c cr__t_d by _rt_f_c__l _nt_ll_g_nc_. Th_s
_ncl_d_s th_ __t-t_n_ s_ftw_r_ th_t h_lps s_ng_rs
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s_ng_r's v__c_. Mr _k s__d __t-t_n_s _mpr_v_s
m_s_c. _n_ _s_ _f __ Mr _k d_d n_t l_k_ w_s
s_ftw_r_ f_r m_m_ck_ng (c_py_ng) th_ v__c_ _f _n
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2309/230928-spotify-ai-music.html>

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. AI MUSIC: Make a poster about AI music. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. BAN: Write a magazine article about banning the use of AI to produce music. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on AI. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your opinions on using AI in music. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. c 2. d 3. a 4. e 5. f 6. b 7. g
8. i 9. l 10. n 11. j 12. h 13. k 14. m

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 F 3 T 4 T 5 F 6 F 7 F 8 T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. f	2. d	3. i	4. b	5. j
6. c	7. a	8. g	9. e	10. h

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Less than a year old
2. The boss
3. The BBC
4. Improves it
5. Copying singers' voices
6. For many, many years
7. An AI platform
8. It was rejected
9. A bot
10. Tricky

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. Music and art produced by AI is real.
2. The boss of the music streaming site Spotify.
3. He said there are many uses of AI.
4. Auto-tune software that helps singers correct their pitch.
5. One use of AI Mr Ek did not like.
6. Music will be debated for many, many years.
7. The biggest problem is when AI copies voices.
8. Spotify deleted one song created by AI.
9. Software copied the voice of the singer Drake
10. You can imagine someone uploading a song.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. c 2. a 3. b 4. d 5. c 6. b 7. d 8. b 9. b 10. a

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)