Worksheet 4: Copyright

# Piracy fighters battle Kodi ‘epidemic’

This is a short summary of an article about Kodi software on the BBC website.

You can use the link below to access further information from the BBC News article on Kodi.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-37508235>

Kodi is set-top box software which can stream subscription movies, sport and other TV channels over the Internet, for free. The original Kodi software was designed to play legally owned media, but it can be modified with third-party add-ons that provide access to pirated copies of films and TV series.

Some traders sell “Kodi boxes” pre-loaded with software that can access pirated content. These are currently facing legal action. The traders claim that it is not up to them what the users do with the software.

The Federation Against Copyright Theft (FACT) reported that about half of the copyright infringements it is currently investigating involve the use of these devices.

1. Did the original Kodi software developers do anything illegal when they sold their software to other companies? Give a reason for your answer.
2. Describe **two** other examples of copyright theft involving the use of computers.
3. Describe **two** examples of plagiarism involving the use of computers.