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From: CopyrightEnquiries  
Sent: 31 March 2015 11:06  
To: [REDACTED]  
Subject: Copyright Enquiry

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your query.

Please be aware that the Copyright Enquiries service is only able to provide general advice regarding current UK Copyright law and cannot provide legal advice regarding how the law should be interpreted in specific cases.

It is not illegal for you to watch clips (including films) on Youtube even if they are protected by copyright. They may be available with the permission of the rights-holders but, even if they are not, there would be no infringement of copyright by your merely watching (or streaming) the film. If a film is still protected by copyright, and someone makes it available on Youtube without the permission of the rights-holders, it is that person who will infringe, because he is both reproducing the work and communicating it to the public. Please see sections 17 and 20 of the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1988/48/contents>

However, regardless of whether the clip or film has been made available on a website legally or otherwise, you would infringe copyright if you downloaded it without permission, because the action of downloading would involve the making of a copy of the film. It is also likely that playing the film to [REDACTED] would qualify as a public performance, which is an act which would usually require the permission of the rights holder.

I hope this response has been of some assistance.

Best regards,

Copyright Enquiries.

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<http://www.ipo.gov.uk/satisfaction>

From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: 26 March 2015 15:25  
To: customerinsight  
Subject: Copyright enquiry

Hello, would I be breaking the law if I downloaded an item from U-tube and made it available in our library

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