

Ed Sheeran allegedly copied Marvin Gaye classic

B2+/C1 Reading comprehension match-up

1. Singer-songwriter Ed Sheeran faces a trial in court over claims he allegedly...
2. Sheeran is up against an American jury on accusations that his...
3. The lawsuit was started by the estate of...
4. Townsend's family allege that Sheeran blatantly based his composition on the...
5. They claim that these two parts of the song, when...
6. They demand a...
7. Sheeran's legal team supposedly acknowledged the similarities of the two songs privately, but...
8. Sheeran has publicly acted dismissively of these lawsuits in the past, saying that coincidentally...
9. Not all attorneys and lawyers...
10. A civil rights attorney, Ben Crump, says Sheeran took the IP from...
11. Music and entertainment lawyer Charlie Sanders adds that even if...
12. But he says the music industry's...
13. He says musicians are issuing lawsuits more often now due to...

- A. ...\$100 million settlement.
- B. ...a black artist whom he "doesn't feel as worthy as compensation".
- C. ...Ed Townsend, who co-wrote the song with Gaye.
- D. ...copied the Marvin Gaye classic from 1972 "Let's Get It On".
- E. ...it is "bound to happen if 60,000 songs are being released every day on Spotify".
- F. ...they have proposed that the musical parts are common and cannot be copyright.
- G. ...2014 song "Thinking Out Loud" is undoubtedly a copy of the famous R&B hit.
- H. ...played seamlessly together, are exclusively Gaye's intellectual property (IP).
- I. ...earning less income as a result of streaming music.
- J. ...Sheeran copied it subconsciously, it is still plagiarism.
- K. ...agree with Sheeran, however.
- L. ...chord progression and the chord harmony of "Let's Get It On".
- M. ...business model is partially to blame.

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Answers

1D, 2G, 3C, 4L, 5H, 6A, 7F, 8E, 9K, 10B, 11J, 12M, 13I

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