

Thousands of cases, and many, many books and articles have attempted to analyze fair use in order to define specific examples.

Examples of fair use:

- Quotation of excerpts in a review or criticism for purposes of illustration or comment.

- Quotation of short passages in a scholarly or technical work for illustration or clarification of the author's observations.

- Reproduction of material for classroom use where the reproduction was unexpected and spontaneous—for example, where an article in the morning's paper is directly relevant to that day's class topic.

- Use in a parody of short portions of the work itself.

- A summary of an address or article, which may include quotations of short passages of the copyright-protected work.