

**“Animators are actors. They bring characters to life.”**

Animation is the process of displaying still images in a rapid sequence to create the illusion of movement. But there's more to it than that. At its heart, animation is about using that movement to show emotion and tell a story.

The UK excels at animation. It has created the stop-motion characters in *Early Man* and *Isle of Dogs*, the computer-generated figure of *Dumbo* and the dinosaurs in *Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom*. These, and many more before them, have established the UK animation industry as one of the best in the world.

Many people in the industry have a degree in subjects ranging from animation and script writing to computer programming and accountancy. Go to [screenskills.com/courses](https://www.screenskills.com/courses) to find courses recommended by ScreenSkills. Alternatively, some studios offer apprenticeships.

For many roles employers and admissions tutors will want to see proof of your creativity. They will look for a portfolio that showcases your work. This is often more important than a CV. Go to [screenskills.com/portfolio](https://www.screenskills.com/portfolio) to learn how to start building your portfolio.



# First steps

Watch animated films. Look up your favourites on [imdb.com](https://www.imdb.com) and learn about the different roles involved in making the film. Find out how you can get into these roles at [screenskills.com/careers-in-animation](https://www.screenskills.com/careers-in-animation)

# Next steps

Try out software such as Blender and Three.js. Look at movement in the world around you and try to recreate it on screen. Upload your project online\*, ask for feedback and start building a portfolio.

# Getting in

Get to know people that work in animation by going to events, such as ScreenSkills' Open Doors. Research companies to see if they offer work experience\*\*. Apply for entry-level roles and apprenticeships.

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For further information go to: [screenskills.com/careers](https://www.screenskills.com/careers)

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\* If you are under 18 ask your parents' permission  
\*\* Most opportunities are for over 18s.