Animation
What jobs are needed to make an animation?
The learning objective
To understand the wide variety of roles and jobs available in animation
Understanding animation

- What do you think ‘animation’ means?
- What films or TV programmes involving animation can you think of?
Definition of animation

Animation is the art of playing still images in a rapid sequence to create the illusion of movement.

To be a good animator you need to understand how things move and be able to draw.

You also need to know how characters show emotion, just like an actor.

There are lots of other jobs which we are going to find out about.
The first appearance of Mickey Mouse

Plane Crazy 1928

Click the play button to open a browser window
There are different kinds of animation. Here are three:

- Hand-drawn (2D)
- Computer-generated (3D)
- Stop-motion
Hand-drawn animation

- Drawn mainly by hand
- Computer used to help with drawing
- In 2D, which means it looks flat

Examples:
- *The Tiger Who Came to Tea*
- *Horrid Henry*
- *Mr Bean: The Animated Series*
Computer-generated

- Has three dimensions – depth as well as height and width
- Created on a computer

Examples:
- Toy Story
- Digby Dragon
- The Hive
Stop-motion

- Uses models made from materials like clay and Plasticine
- Models are moved
- Each tiny movement is photographed

Examples:
- Early Man
- Isle of Dogs
- Shaun the Sheep

Shaun the Sheep © Aardman Animations Ltd
The Tiger Who Came to Tea
based on the book by Judith Kerr
Clip one: the tiger comes in for tea

Click the play button to open a browser window and watch the clip.

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A professional animation has many stages of production.

Storyboard

Layout

Background

Animation

Artwork

Final composition

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Job roles in animation

Storyboard artist
Layout artist
Background designer
Animator
Art director
Compositor
Here are some more animation jobs:
Clip two: the tiger leaves

Click the play button to open a browser window and watch the clip.
What story do you want to tell?

- The ??? who came to tea?
- Did the tiger ever return?
- Why did the tiger come to tea?
How are you going to make your animation?

Flip Book  
Computer  
Models/Lego
Who will be in your team?

Look at the careers map with your teacher and decide which roles you need.

Here is an example of a team:

- Who will be in your team?
- Which role are you going to do?
Make a storyboard

Doggo chases his ball.  
Doggo is about to get the ball when...  
...he notices something.

He begins to dig.  
He digs deeper...  
...and deeper...  
...until he finds a big bone!

Draw the key moments in your story in detail.
Make your animation
Evaluation

• How do you feel about your animation?
• Do you understand more about the variety of job roles in animation?
• Did anything unexpected happen?
• Are there any improvements you could make?
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• How important was your role to the final project?

• Did you enjoy your role?

• Was there a role you would rather have been doing and why?

• Were there any roles missing? (refer back to sticky notes)

• How effective was your team?
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