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DETECTIVE TRAINING DOCUMENTS

TOP SECRET

MAKE A SHORT FILM!

Video trailers are a great way to bring a book to life. They don't have to be tricky or expensive to make, and are a nice opportunity to work together with friends on a project. Follow these steps to produce your own short film about *Knightley & Son: 3 of a Kind!*

To be in with the chance of winning £200 worth of Bloomsbury books, submit your trailer to Chatterbooks. Please email the link to your video, or send the video file, to Juliana.oliver@readingagency.org.uk by 31st March 2016. Good luck!

(If sending a large video file, we recommend using WeTransfer.com).
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1. FIND SOME INSPIRATION

You can watch lots of trailers and other films about books online. Take a look at the brilliant trailer that author Rohan Gavin has made for *Knightley & Son* online at bit.ly/KnightleyVideo. As you watch, think about some of the techniques the clips have used.

2. GET SOME EQUIPMENT

You don't need fancy gear to make a film. A camcorder is good, but many smartphones now are just as good for recording video. Rohan created his trailer on an iPhone.

3. GET A TEAM TOGETHER

Filming is fun if you do it in a group. If you want to act out a scene, allocate different parts to people. Some people might prefer to take on the jobs of directing, recording or editing the video.

4. PLAN A FORMAT

You can take any approach you like to your video. Perhaps you might like to act out a scene or two from the book? Or add a voiceover to some photos you have taken that show what the book is about?

5. DECIDE ON THE LENGTH

Work out how long you want your trailer to last. It needn't be very long — many last only a couple of minutes — though if you are filming a discussion you might want to set aside more time.

6. WRITE A SCRIPT

You can improvise your film if you like, but they usually work better if they follow a script. Put all your ideas together and work out who is going to say what.

7. FIND A SOUNDTRACK

Most trailers have some music in the background to add to the atmosphere. If you play an instrument, try recording your own!

8. ASSEMBLE YOUR FILM

Find someone to hold the camera and get filming! Don't worry if it's not right first time — you can simply delete what you have done and start again. Practice makes perfect.

9. EDIT

If you have access to a computer, upload your film and use some basic editing software like *Movie Maker* to make it look even better. There are lots of free video editing tools online; ask a parent or teacher to help you find them.

10. SHARE IT!

Show your film to family and friends. You could ask to share it in a school assembly or book group too.

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