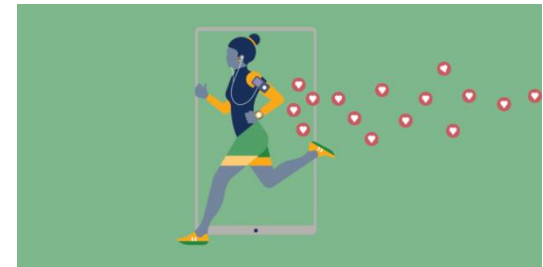


Be an illustrator!



Illustrators are commissioned to create drawings and images to communicate a story, message or idea, which are then used in advertisements, books, magazines, packaging, greeting cards and newspapers.



It can be an excellent career to have when you are older, as it is very varied and interesting, flexible and well-paid.

Find out about famous book illustrators (Axel Scheffler, Tony Ross, Pauline Baynes, Quentin Blake, Beatrix Potter, E.H. Shepherd, Nick Sharratt, Arthur Rackham, Chris Riddell, Eric Carle...)



- Why did they become illustrators?
- What have they illustrated?
- What's their style like and how did they develop it?
- What do you like about their work?

Create a profile of your favourite illustrator - what do you like about their work? What are they famous for? You could illustrate it with examples of their artwork.



- Choose two illustrators to compare, preferably choosing two who have very different styles.
- How would you describe their style and what do you like or admire about it? (Is it realistic, humorous, cartoon style, sketchy, stylised, fantastical...?)
- What materials or media do they use? (Is it digital, collage, drawn, painted, stitched...?)



Create some pieces of art in the style of one or more of your favourite illustrators.

- Copy an illustration they did, or a detail from one - what is easy or hard about their style?
- Draw an illustration for a favourite scene from a book in their style.
- Choose an illustration by one artist, and recreate it in the style of another!
- Make a diorama of a favourite scene in a book.



...or get busy for the chance <https://theickabogcompetition.com/>
to be a published illustrator!

J.K. Rowling's latest book, *The Ickabog*, is being published online, daily, chapter by chapter, and the competition has just opened to have your illustrations in the print version, to be published later this year! The competition is only open to 7 to 12 year olds, so it's lucky that you are all already illustrators in training!

Follow the link to go to the competition page or read the chapters so far. Read below for the start of Chapter 1.

Chapter 1

King Fred the Fearless

Once upon a time, there was a tiny country called Cornucopia, which had been ruled for centuries by a long line of fair-haired kings. The king at the time of which I write was called King Fred the Fearless. He'd announced the 'Fearless' bit himself, on the morning of his coronation, partly because it sounded nice with 'Fred', but also because he'd once managed to catch and kill a wasp all by himself, if you didn't count five footmen and the boot boy.

