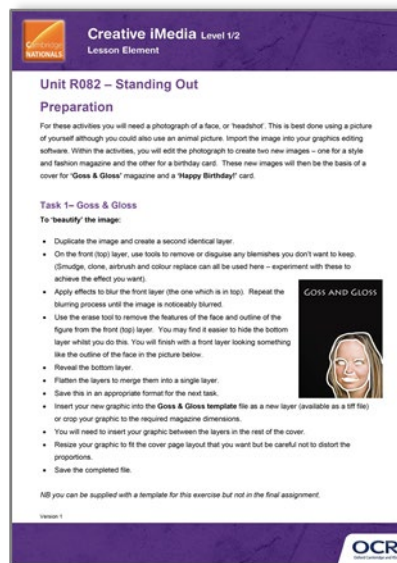


Unit R082 – Creating digital graphics

Standing out

Instructions and answers for teachers

These instructions should accompany the OCR resource ‘Standing Out’ activity which supports OCR Cambridge Nationals in Creative iMedia Level 1/Level 2 Unit R082 – Creating digital graphics.



Creative iMedia Level 1/2
Lesson Element

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- Apply effects to blur the front layer (the one which is in top). Repeat the blurring process until the image is noticeably blurred.
- Use the eraser tool to remove the features of the face and outline of the figure from the front (top) layer. You may find it easier to hide the bottom layer whilst you do this. You will finish with a front layer looking something like the outline of the face in the picture below.
- Reveal the bottom layer.
- Flatten the layers to merge them into a single layer.
- Save this in an appropriate format for the next task.
- Insert your new graphic into the Goss & Gloss template file as a new layer (available as a tiff file) or crop your graphic to the required magazine dimensions.
- You will need to insert your graphic between the layers in the rest of the cover.
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All you can be supplied with a template for this exercise but not in the final assignment.

Version 1



The Activity:

This resource comprises of 2 tasks.



This activity offers an opportunity for English skills development.

Associated materials:

‘Standing out’ Lesson Element learner activity sheet
Goss & Gloss template tiff.

Suggested timings:

Task 1: 45 minutes **Task 2:** 45 minutes

Introduction

These tasks require learners to create a digital graphic. If they can use a self-portrait photograph image, they will probably have more fun. Otherwise they may be able to locate a stock photograph from clip galleries or libraries.

The airbrushing techniques used for the Goss & Gloss cover could form the basis of discussion work about the portrayal of celebrities and public figures, and the effects of techniques such as these on perceived body image. (Activity 2 'Birthday card' is designed to be more creative!)

If required, learners could dispense with the template files and create their own Magazine Cover designs from scratch, making up headlines and adverts and inserting assets for the barcode and so on.

Obviously this will require more time although it will aid the development of additional skills as required by the unit.

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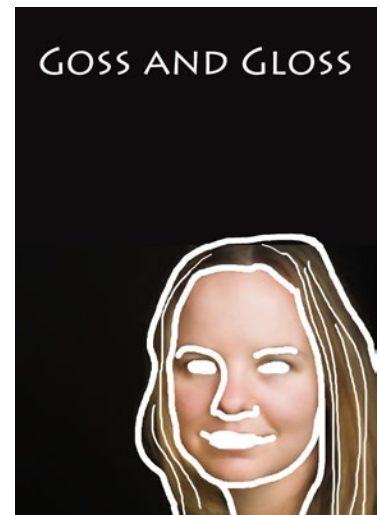
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Task 2 – Happy Birthday!

To create the birthday card front cover:

- You must find ways to make the photograph or image you have a very different appearance. For example, you could:
 - use the selection and deformation tools to change the size of features
 - re-colour the whole image to show a different skin tone
 - change the background to a plain colour or one that is blurred out. This will give you somewhere to place the birthday message
 - use the drawing tools to add extra features or shapes to the image
 - experiment with filter effects such as pinch or punch, warp or fish eye to distort features
 - be creative!

- When you are happy with the effects that you have created, save the file in an appropriate format.
- Crop the graphic to appropriate dimensions for a birthday card but be careful not to distort the proportions by just stretching the graphic.
- Save the completed file.
- You may end up with something like this example on the right.



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