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BRIEF

This brief has been set by the School of Communication.

Join Falmouth University and Boook.land in an unpredictable, fast-paced storytelling adventure, titled, [The Speaking Machine](#). The project brings together students, lecturers and well-known names to write and illustrate a novel **live** and in **real-time**.

The premise:

What if writing followed a process similar to design? How can play and collaboration be used to write a book? In what way can a novel be produced by many authors and illustrators all working together on the same story?

The process:

[The Speaking Machine](#) platform allows participants to take part in a live novel anywhere, anytime. By continuing the story where it was left off and illustrating it as it's being written, participants are able to collaborate across the country and across the world.

The output:

The process will result in an unconventional, unexpected 50,000-word novel which will be published online as a digital edition.

Quite simply – the starting point is ‘**The Speaking Machine**’.

Let's see where the journey takes us!

DEADLINE

Tuesday 30 June 2020, 23:59 BST

HOW TO SUBMIT

Submit your contribution via [The Speaking Machine](#) platform.

Please note that the amount of time you can take to input your submission is limited to 5 minutes.

ELIGIBILITY

Submissions are welcome from either of the two following categories:

- a) Falmouth University applicants/placeholders with a valid 7-digit Student ID (you can find your Student ID in an email sent to you by applicantsservices@falmouth.ac.uk);
- b) Year 12 students, or those in their first year of further education or equivalent, studying at a school, sixth form or college, who are aged 16 or over on 1 June 2020.

All eligible submissions will be considered for inclusion in the collaborative novel. The final output will be edited, published and made available online in digital format. Participants will be entitled to view an online copy of the collaborative novel for free for a period of up to 2 years.

Q&A SESSIONS

If you have any questions about any of the challenges, or simply need a little inspiration or guidance, then join us for one of our online Q&As. You can find out more about how best to approach the challenge and what we are looking for, as well as getting some insider hints and tips.

Just register using the links below:

- [**Tuesday 9 June 2020, 10.00-11.00 BST**](#)
Ask us anything about the Challenges
- [**Tuesday 16 June 2020, 17.00-18.00 BST**](#)
Get help and tips from our current students
- [**Tuesday 23 June 2020, 13.00-14.00 BST**](#)
Ask us anything about the Challenges

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