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Workshop Synopsis:

Total film running time: Approx 60 minutes, depending on Q&A



- Introduction and reading - approx 13mins long**
A greeting, introduction to the theme of embarrassing family members using real life examples followed by a reading from *My Embarrassing Dad's Gone Viral*, to show how I use real-life inspiration in my books.
- Character plus activity:**
I run down how to create your own embarrassing family member character followed by an activity for children to do. I will take part too and show the character I created using the same exercise.
- Character 2 creation plus activity:**
This time, we will create our main kid character. As with the first exercise, I will then take part too and show the main kid character I created using the same exercise.
- Plot - quest development plus activity:**
Now, we will work on the story. I will explain the importance of the main character having a quest or a goal and explore how our embarrassing family member character might get in the way of their goal. I will show a graphic explaining how to put together a plan for a story. Debrief: I will show the plot I came up with.
- Story:**
Now it's time to write the story, to include creation of supporting characters. I will encourage the children to have a go at writing a scene featuring these two characters. To try and include the main character's goal and as many of their personality traits as you can.
- Reading:**
From *The Soup Movement* or *My Embarrassing Dad's Gone Viral*.
- Q&A and goodbye:**

