

Film activate: A magical adventure



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With his amazing rocket boots, automatic hair-cutting machine, and flying car, wacky inventor Caractacus Potts is a very creative one. His children beg him to buy a car at a local junkyard. After promising to do so but struggling to raise the funds through his eccentric inventions, Caractacus strikes lucky and is able to make the purchase. But the family soon discovers that they aren't the only ones interested in the car: so too does an evil baron and a children hater baronesse, who seek to steal it from them, using the wicked Child Catcher to help. Let's help the family by drawing up blueprints for an incredible invention of yours, label its key parts, and include how it is meant to work.

A large, empty rectangular box with a black border, intended for drawing blueprints for an invention.

2 Think about the way that the land of Vulgaria is portrayed in the film. How is it different to the way in which England is shown?

A speech bubble with a black border, containing a large empty rectangular box for writing. Below the box is a red label "England".A speech bubble with a black border, containing a large empty rectangular box for writing. Below the box is a red label "Vulgaria".

3 We believe that these characteristics contribute toward making the Child Catcher such a sinister character. Author Roald Dahl did a good job adding him to the film, don't you think? Could you design two other versions of this character? What would you transform to make him even more sinister?

