

Spies and Espionage

Creating a False Identity

You may have seen spies on TV and in films with multiple passports and identities. Of course if you are a spy it is vital that you keep your true identity hidden. Use this resource to create a false identity to help you stay undetected.

1. Invent a false name – You can base your false name on your actual name e.g. Mark David Wilson could become David William Marks but this may cause you confusion and make you easier to detect. Some spies in the past have discovered and used the names of people who have already died but we don't suggest you do this. There are lots of random name generators on the Internet so find one of these and generate a name that you will be comfortable with. Remember, if you go undercover, you will have to answer to this name – it will become your identity.
2. Produce a passport size photograph of yourself or make a small self-portrait drawing to fit the space on the passport. Now create a disguise. You could do this by cutting out paper to make your hair a different colour or to change the length or style. You could add or remove glasses. If you have editing software on your computer you could use that, or you could redraw a different self-portrait incorporating your new features. (The rules for passport photographs state that you mustn't have anything covering your eyes and nothing covering your head e.g. a hat unless it is worn for religious reasons.)
3. Finish creating your 'cover' by adding in the other details required on your passport. You can do this on the computer if you are working with an editable version.
4. Then add your signature to the finished document. You may wish to practise your new signature in the space below. This is an extremely important aspect of maintaining your new identity so you need to practise until you can make it look the same each time. When you are ready, sign the three boxes beneath the practise area with your new signature and see if you can make them identical.
5. Next ask a trusted friend to test your cover story – acting in the role of your new identity. Have them ask you about your name and how to spell it. Practise only turning your head

Signature practise area:

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or responding when someone calls you by your new name and not your old name.

6. Stick your new passport into your project.

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Photograph or picture



Name:

Signature:



Passport Number: 12345

Description:

Gender:

Age:

Home Country: