Exercise walk-through

3.1
Role-specific portfolio preparation: supported rehearsal

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The production roles

- **Screenwriter**: she writes a three-page screenplay in standard format: scene headings (INT. KITCHEN – NIGHT), action, names and dialogue. One page is about one minute of screen time; her first draft runs to six pages, and she learns to cut dialogue that the images already show.
- **Cinematographer**: she films one short scene three times: in flat window light, with **three-point lighting** (key, fill and back light), and with a single hard key light from one side. Side by side, the single key light gives the scene its tension.
- **Editor**: she repeats the **Kuleshov effect**: she cuts a friend's neutral face with three different shots and asks classmates what the face shows.

The film reel

- The **film reel** is a video of at most 9 minutes: at most **3 minutes per role**, and one of the three must be a **completed film** .
- The reel shows the work in motion, and it must match the pages: the test shots on the pages should appear on the reel.
- **Worked example: a reel plan.**
- The total is 8:15, so there is time in hand under the 9-minute limit, and each role stays under its 3-minute cap.

Key terms

- **Film portfolio**: portfolio pages and a reel showing work in three **production roles**.
- **Production role**: one of the five film jobs in the guide: **screenwriter**, **director**, cinematographer, editor or sound.
- **Three-point lighting**: a lighting set-up using a key light, a fill light and a back light.

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2.2 9 pages maximum (3 per role); 9 minutes reel maximum; 3 minutes per role maximum, with one completed film in the reel (3).

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2.4 Every claim about craft is SHOWN with an artefact: the draft, the two trial frames, the call sheet (1); a claim without an artefact reads as assertion ("the wide lens isolated the character" must be shown as the two trial frames side by side) (1).

Exercises 2.5·3.1

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2.5 The showreel folio (finished clips, no process); the diary (feelings, no craft); the single-role folio (three pages that are one role thrice) (3).

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3.1 The failure: three pages of the same skill read as ONE role done thrice: no range, and the marks for role engagement cannot differentiate (2). Recommended pair: camera (the writer sees how words become coverage (lens, movement, exposure are new craft)) and editing (the writer learns what a page costs in rhythm: the cut teaches structure by failure) (2: 1 per role with a range reason).

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3.2 Intention: cover the confrontation without a single cut-in: tension held by the frame, not the edit (2). Process artefacts: the two trial frames (handheld against locked) side by side, the exposure note from the location recce, the marked floor plan of the blocking (2). Reflection: the locked wide held tension better than coverage would have: the held frame made the audience wait; and the second trial's shadow error taught the recce lesson (test at the hour you shoot): kept visible, not hidden (2).

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3.3 Allocation: the completed film takes the largest share inside its role's 3-minute cap (say 3 minutes for editing, the completed film within it); camera 3 minutes of the trial-and-scene excerpts; screenwriting 3 minutes of table reads and the shoot window's compressions (2). Corroboration rule: the reel's excerpts are the pages' artefacts: the trial frames on the page appear as the reel's excerpts, labelled by role (1).

Local review guidance: (R1 3.1) the recommendation argues RANGE, not difficulty; the artefacts are named objects, not descriptions; the allocation respects all three hard numbers. Authored guidance.