

**To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA**  
**From: Alan Danskin, United Kingdom Representative**  
**Subject: Revision to instructions for devised titles in RDA 2.3.2.11. UK Response.**

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The British Library and CILIP thank Library of Congress for the proposed revisions. We agree with the changes proposed. Members of the group welcomed the possibility to choose an incipit as the basis for a devised title. However, we suggest that in this case, the title cannot be characterised as descriptive and this term should be deleted from the general instruction. We also think that the retention of, “brief descriptive”, at d) is redundant.

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- a) the nature of the resource (e.g., map, literary manuscript, diary, advertisement)
- or
- b) its subject (e.g., names of persons, corporate bodies, objects, activities, events, geographical area and dates)
- or
- c) ~~a combination of the two, as appropriate:~~ the opening words of a text, etc.
- d) a brief descriptive phrase that characterizes the resource.

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