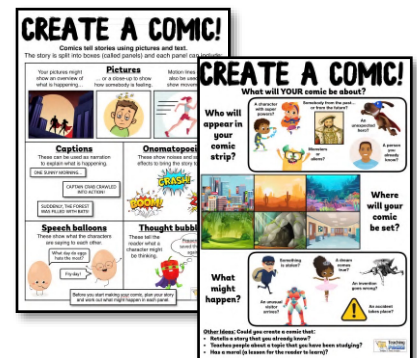


# CREATE A COMIC!

Do you enjoy reading comics?  
*Let's try making one of your own!*

**When you are working on this project, you will:**

- Learn what a comic is,
- Discover the different features of a comic,
- Think about the characters, settings and plots that a comic might include.
- Create your own comic.



Did you know that comic strips were first produced in the 1830s!

Many famous superheroes first appeared in comics, including Spider-Man, Superwoman, the Hulk and Captain Marvel.

The Beano is the longest running British children's comic magazine. It was first made in July 1938!

**This pack includes:**

- Information to help you find out about comics,
- Ideas to help you create your comic,
- Templates that you can use to create your comic strips.



**If you enjoy this project, why not...?**

- Read some comics and books that include comic strips (e.g. the Beano, Captain Underpants, Dog Man).
- Visit [www.makebeliefscomix.com](http://www.makebeliefscomix.com) and make your own comic online.



- Use a mobile app to make your own comics. Comic Life is one of our favourites, and it is available on Windows, Mac, Android and iOS.

# CREATE A COMIC!

**Comics tell stories using pictures and text.**

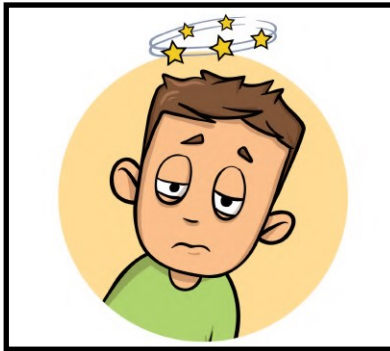
The story is split into boxes (called panels) and each panel can include:

## Pictures

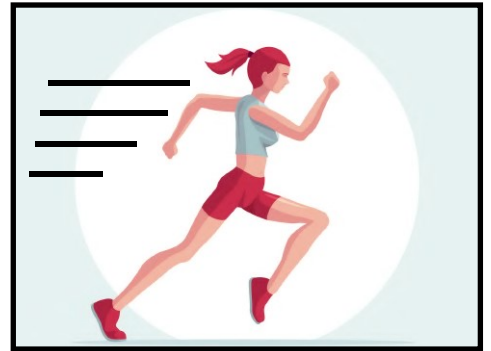
Your pictures might show an overview of what is happening...



... or a close-up to show how somebody is feeling.



Motion lines can also be used to show movement.



## Captions

These can be used as narration to explain what is happening.

ONE SUNNY MORNING...

CAPTAIN CRAB CRAWLED INTO ACTION!

SUDDENLY, THE FOREST WAS FILLED WITH BATS!

## Onomatopoeia

These show noises and sound effects to bring the story to life!

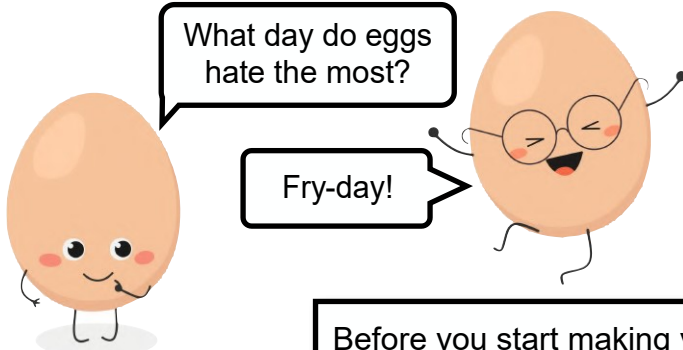


## Speech balloons

These show what the characters are saying to each other.

What day do eggs hate the most?

Fry-day!



## Thought bubbles

These tell the reader what a character might be thinking.

Pepperman saved the day again!



Before you start making your comic, plan your story and work out what might happen in each panel.

# CREATE A COMIC!

What will **YOUR** comic be about?

Who will  
appear in  
your  
comic  
strip?

A character  
with super  
powers?



Somebody from the past...  
or from the future?



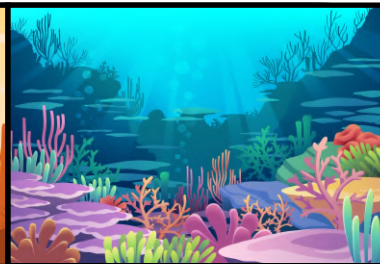
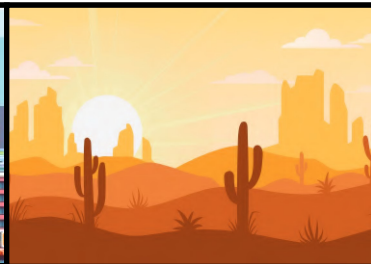
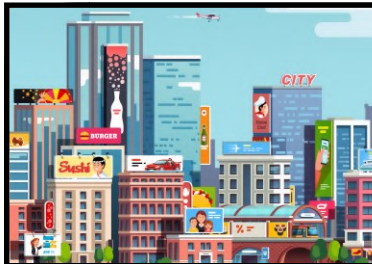
Monsters  
or  
aliens?



An  
unexpected  
hero?



A person  
you  
already  
know?



Where  
will your  
comic  
be set?

What  
might  
happen?

Something  
is stolen?



An unusual  
visitor  
arrives?



A dream  
comes  
true?



An invention  
goes wrong?



An accident  
takes place?



**Other Ideas:** Could you create a comic that:

- Retells a story that you already know?
- Teaches people about a topic that you have been studying?
- Has a moral (a lesson for the reader to learn)?









