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Writing Activity - Structural Engineer

You just created a shelf that can hold different size elves. Create a comic strip explaining what happened when you placed different size elves on the shelf and what materials you used to create a sturdy shelf. Plan your comic strip below. Then, draw your comic on the next page.

Choose a tone:

Describe the setting:

Describe the plot:

Sketch your characters:

Panel 1

Panel 2

Panel 3

Panel 4

Panel 5

Panel 6

Panel 7

Panel 8

How to Write a Comic Strip

Step 1: Choose a tone

The tone is how the comic will make the reader feel. If your tone is funny, then the reader will laugh and feel happy. If the tone is serious, the reader will think about what the comic strip says and reflect on it.

Example tones: humorous/funny, serious, joyful, mysterious, sad.

Step 2: Describe the setting

The setting is where the comic strip is taking place.

Example settings: underneath the water, in a house, outside on the island.

Step 3: Describe the plot

The plot is the sequence of the main events in the comic. It is what happens during the comic.

Example plot: On an island where kids play all day, animals take over the island and tell the kids what to do.

Step 4: Choose characters

Characters are the people involved in the comic strip.

Example characters: President of the island, friends, animals.

Step 5: Start writing!

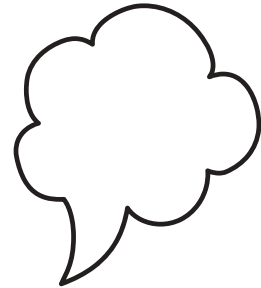
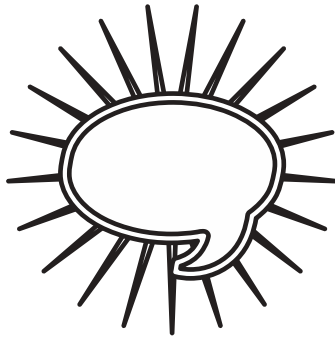
You will write your story in 8 panels. Each panel should have at least one character and involve the plot.



Tips to Make an Awesome Comic Strip

Use Speech Bubbles

Speech bubbles are a great way to have characters talk to each other in your story. There are many different styles of speech bubbles that you can use.



Use Simple Drawings

Most comic strips have simple drawings so readers can easily see what happens in the story.

