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A comic strip is a sequence of drawings, arranged in interrelated panels or boxes.



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The story is written in a short narrative.

This is shown through caption boxes, which the narrator would be saying. Captions tend to be coloured boxes, to show the difference to speech.



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Speech bubbles are usually round or square shapes with a tail pointing to the character's mouth, indicating that the character is speaking out loud.



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A scream bubble indicates a character is screaming or shouting and has a jagged outline or a thicker line. The letters are usually larger or bolder than normal.



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Broadcast bubbles may have a jagged tail like a lightning flash shape. Letters are sometimes *italicised*. Broadcast bubbles indicate that the speaker is communicating through an electronic device (radio, television, telephone).



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A whisper bubble shows that the speaker is talking in a softer or quieter tone. They are usually drawn with a dashed/dotted outline, smaller letters, and a paler (grey) writing.



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Thought bubbles are cloud-shaped word bubbles that indicate that a character is thinking, not talking out loud.



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Action words indicate the sounds that can be heard in a comic strip. They are usually in coloured jagged splats, and the letters are all in capitals.

Quite often, exclamation marks are used!