

Create your own story in this comic strip tutorial

Comic Strip Materials List:

- **A4 white paper** (or sketchbook)
- **Pencil** (for light sketching)
- **Eraser** (to fix and refine)
- **Ruler** (for drawing neat comic panels)
- **Black fine liner pen** (for outlining panels, characters, and speech bubbles)
- **Coloured markers or felt-tip pens** (for bright, bold colouring)
- **Optional: Speech bubble templates** (or draw your own!)

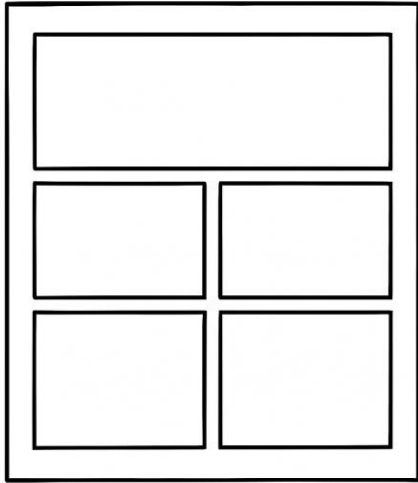
Step 1: Plan Your Comic Strip

Start by thinking about what your comic is about. Who are your characters? Where are they? What's happening in the story?

Now lightly sketch your comic strip layout:

- Decide how many panels you want (3 to 6 is a good number).
- Use a pencil to draw rectangles for each panel in a row or grid.
- Leave a bit of space between each panel.
- Think about what happens in each box – this is the beginning of your story!

Here's a black-and-white line illustration of a blank comic strip layout to help you get started:

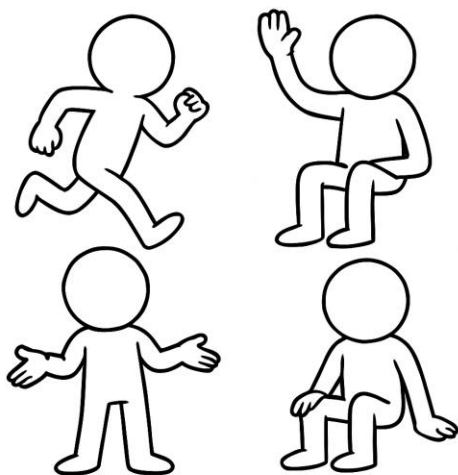


Step 2: Sketch Your Characters

Now it's time to sketch the main characters for your comic strip! Think about:

- What do they look like?
- What are they doing?
- How do they move and show emotion?

Start by drawing simple shapes for the body, head, and arms. Keep your sketch light and basic — you'll add details later.

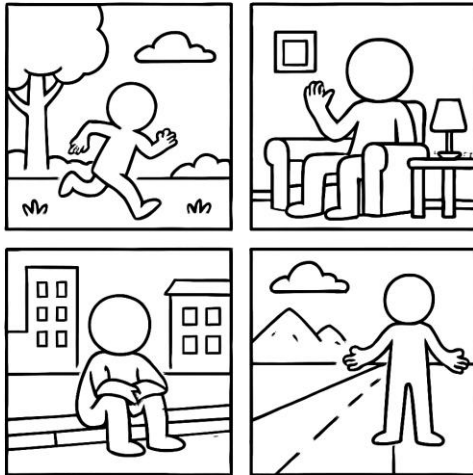


Step 3: Draw Backgrounds and Settings

Now that you've planned your layout and drawn your characters, it's time to place them in a setting! Think about:

- Where is your story taking place?
- Is it indoors or outdoors?
- Are there trees, buildings, furniture, or roads?

Use simple lines to sketch the background for each panel. This helps your reader understand where the action is happening.



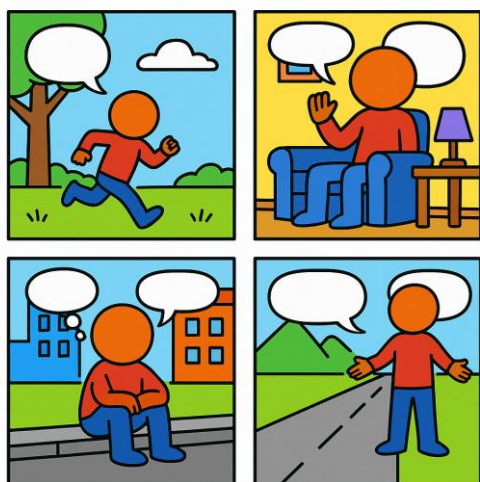
Step 4: Add Colour to Your Comic

If you are adding words to your comic strip then this is a good time to add some comic speech bubbles

- Use speech bubbles for what your characters are saying.
- Use thought bubbles for what they're thinking.
- Add sound effects shapes (like *Bang!* or *Zzz!*)

Now it's time to bring your comic to life with colour!

- Use bold, solid colours to fill in your characters, their clothes, and the background.
- Make sure colours stay inside the lines to keep it clear and easy to read.
- Choose colours that match the feeling of each scene — bright for happy, darker for serious, etc.



Step 5: Add Details

Add words, add facial features, etc, to personalise your comic strip



Fun Activities:

- Draw your own cartoon character – What would they look like? What's their name? Create a short comic strip about an adventure at a magical kingdom.
- Build your own paper castle or theme park using cardboard and craft materials.