What Is Illustration?

Illustration means telling stories or showing ideas using pictures! An **illustrator** is someone who draws pictures to help explain things, make stories more fun, or decorate things like books, games, or posters.

You can use **pens, pencils, paints, or computers** to make an illustration. It can be **realistic**, like a picture of a cat — or **imaginative**, like a flying cupcake with a face!

Illustration is used in lots of fun places:

- **Storybooks** pictures help bring the characters to life
- Magazines to help explain what's happening
- **Games** to design the characters and places
- **Boxes and packets** to make them look exciting
- School stuff to help explain ideas with fun drawings

It doesn't matter how you draw — your ideas and imagination are what make your illustrations special!