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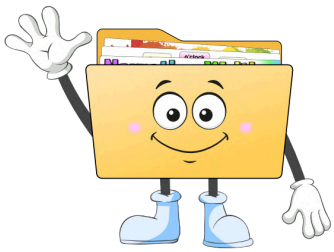
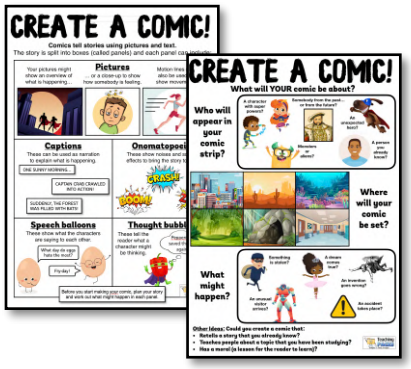


CREATE A COMIC!

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.

<u>If you enjoy this project, why not…?</u>

- Read some comics and books that include comic strips (e.g. the Beano, Captain Underpants, Dog Man).
- Visit 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.

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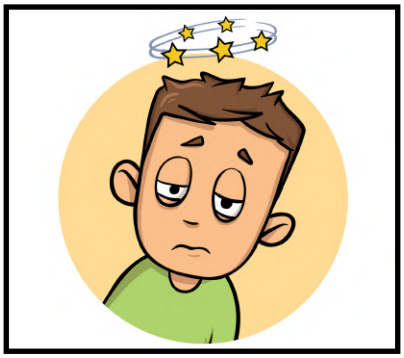
Comics tell stories using pictures and text.
The story is split into boxes (called panels) and each panel can include:

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!

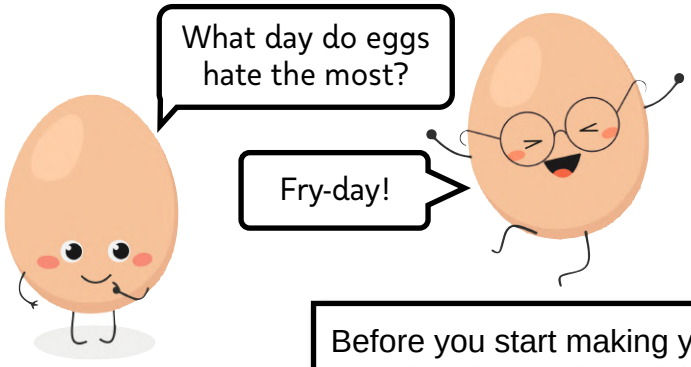
SUDDENLY, THE FOREST WAS FILLED WITH BATS!

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.



Thought bubbles

These tell the reader what a character might be thinking.

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

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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?

An unexpected hero?

Monsters or aliens?

A person you already know?

Where will your comic be set?

What might happen?

Something is stolen?

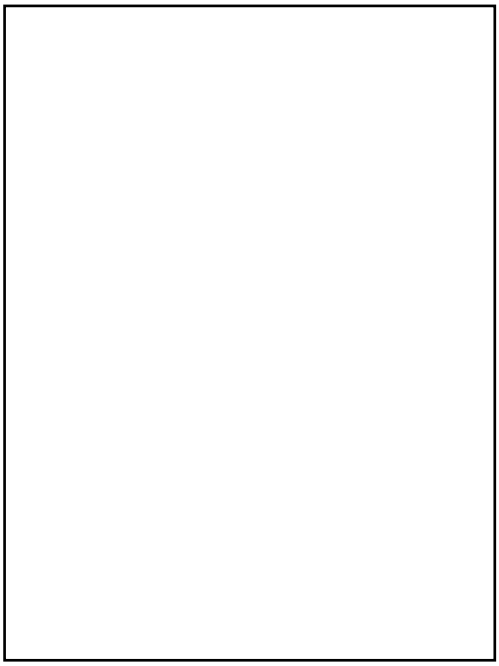
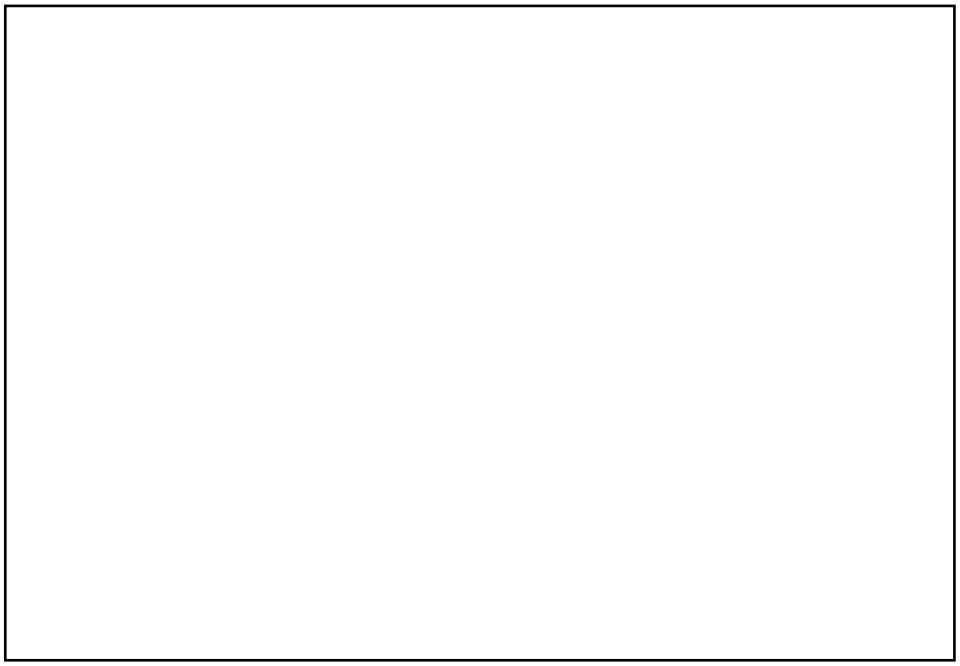
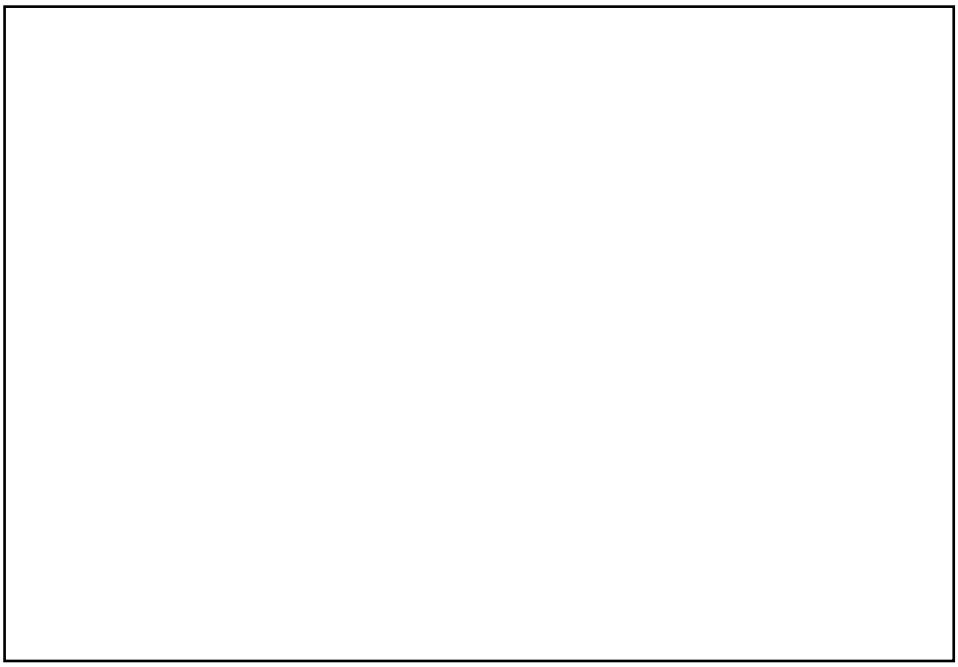
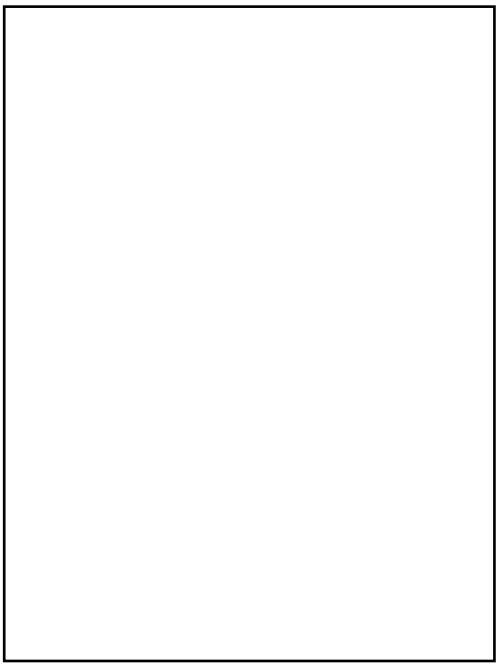
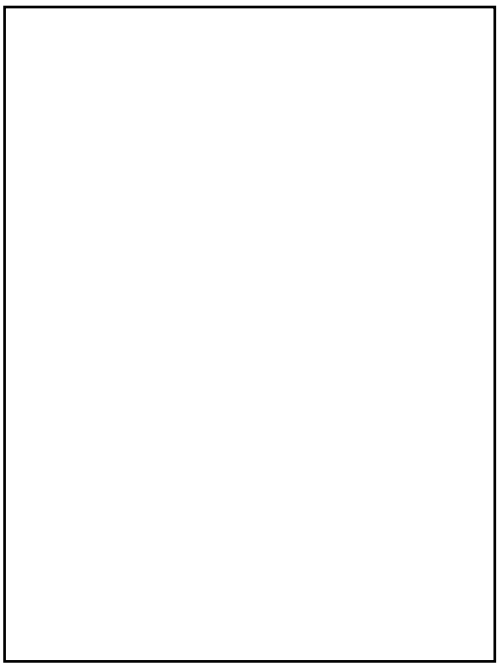
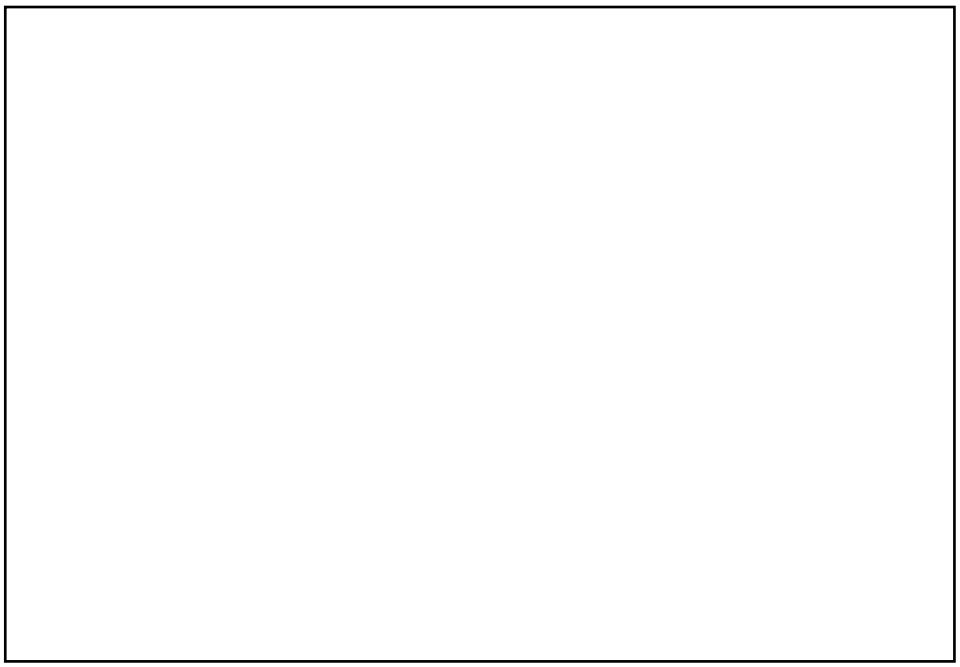
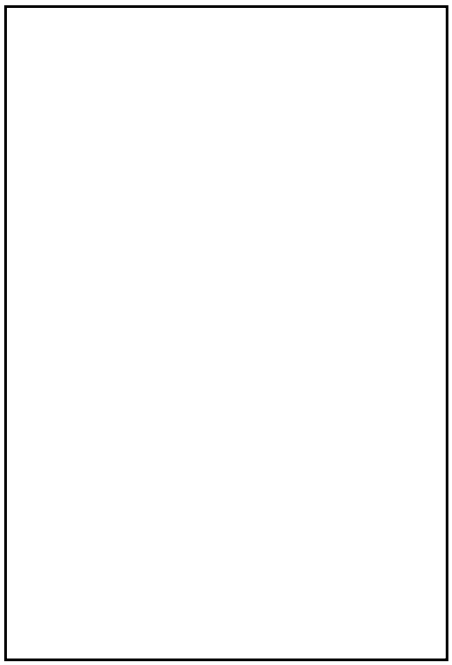
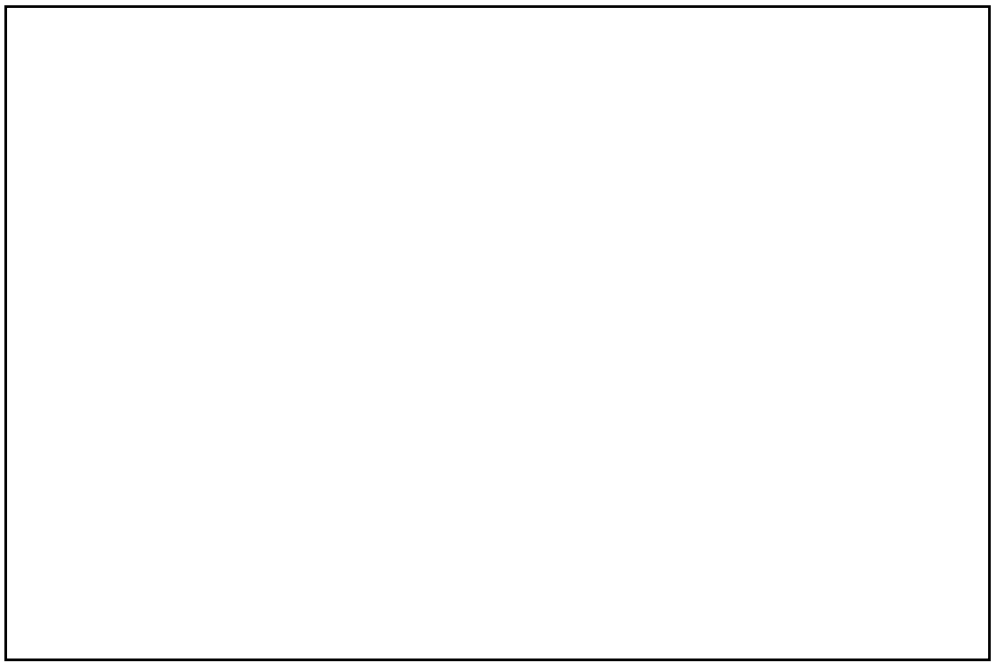
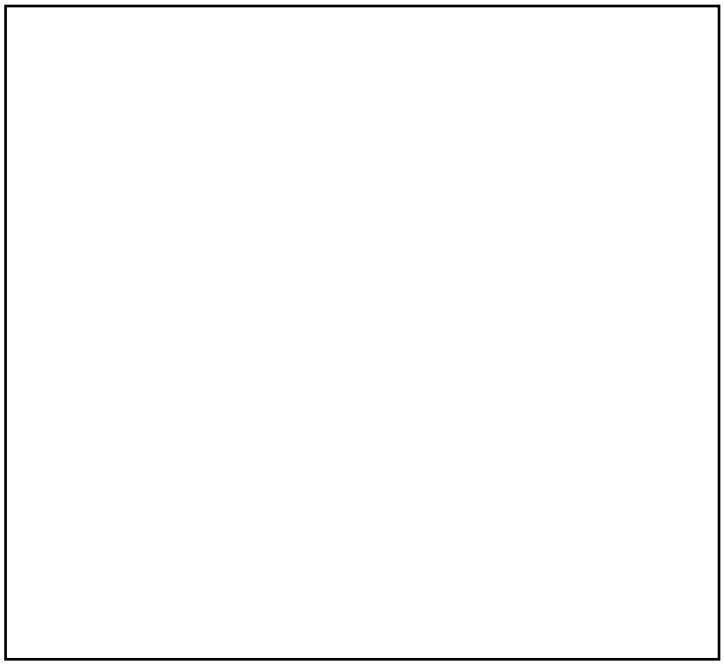
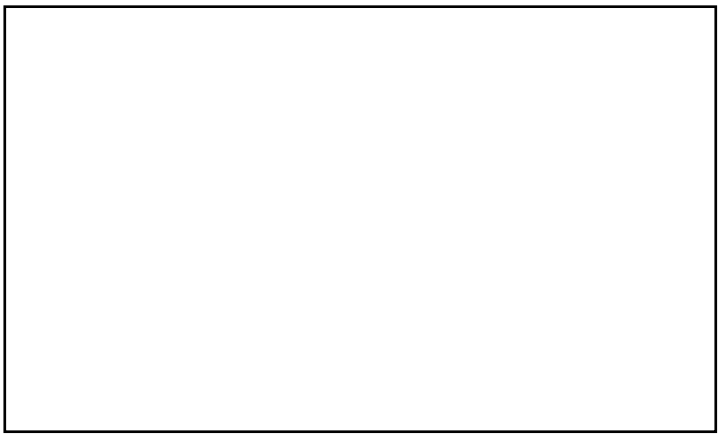
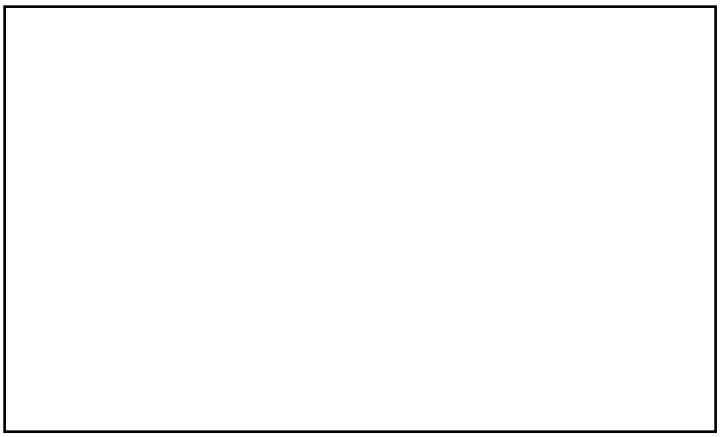
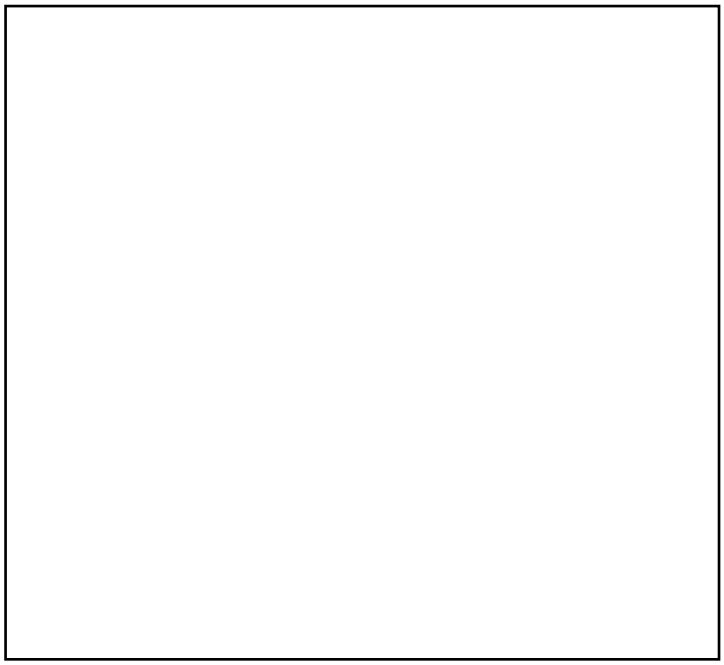
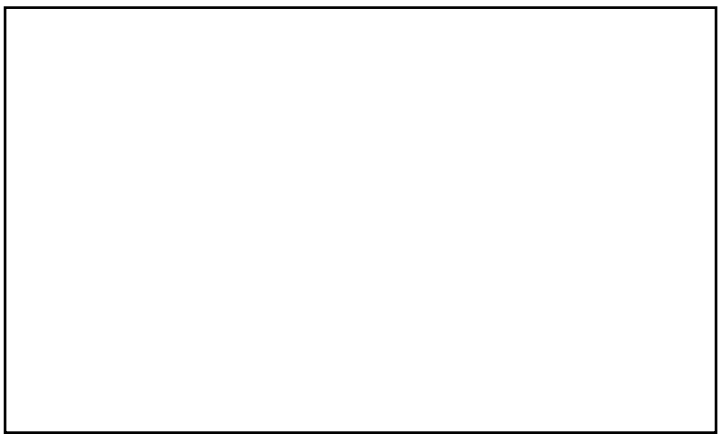
A dream comes true?

An invention goes wrong?

An unusual visitor arrives?

An accident takes place?

<u>Other Ideas:</u> 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)?**

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