

Learning Beyond the Classroom



URL: www.readwritethink.org/materials/comic/

The Comic Creator invites children and teens to design their own comic strips. Their creations can be just for fun or as part of more structural learning activities: planning writing activities, before- and after-reading activities, and responding to books.

Here's What to Do:

Children and teens create comic strips online by choosing backgrounds, characters, and props. They can also write dialogue using speech bubbles. There is a [Comic Strip Planning Sheet](#), a printable PDF that comic creators can use to draft and revise their work before creating and printing their final comics. When the comics are completed, they can be printed out and shared. The [sample comic strip](#) shows a three-pane comic.

More Ideas to Try:

- Visit the [Comic Vocabulary Interactive](#) to learn more about comic terms and to see examples.
- Retell a familiar story using the Comic Creator.
- Illustrate newly-learned vocabulary words.
- Recreate a favorite cartoon, graphic novel, anime, or manga with the Comic Creator.
- Create a comic strip with a partner: one person can illustrate the comic strip while another crafts the text to accompany the illustrations.

* This tool uses the free Flash browser plug-in (version 8 or later), which can be downloaded from the ReadWriteThink.org [Site Tools](#) page: http://www.readwritethink.org/site_tools.html.

To view this tip sheet online, go to <http://www.readwritethink.org/materials/comic/comiccreator.pdf>

Intended for: Grades K–12
Ages 4–18

Technical requirements: Flash 8*

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