

Creating a Comic Strip

Comic Strip Background

Comic strips use pictures and a few words in several boxes to get across a story. Boxes in a comic strip are read left to right in rows, and then top to bottom if there is more than 1 row.

Creating a Story

Create a storyboard. Make sure the story line isn't too long or it will be difficult to fit into your comic strip. Example:

Title: Alien Invader

1. A scientist experimenting with alien eggs is attacked by a hatchling!
2. A galactic policeman is called to help.
3. Three-eyed alien asks them not to hurt the baby hatchling.
4. An exterminator shows up and wants to do his job.
5. Three-eyed alien begs for mercy.
6. The scientist realizes that the hatchling just thinks he is "mommy"!
7. The real mother shows up and takes the hatchling away.

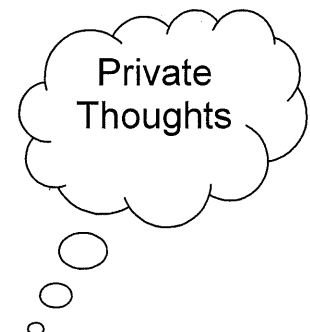
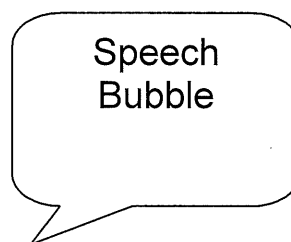
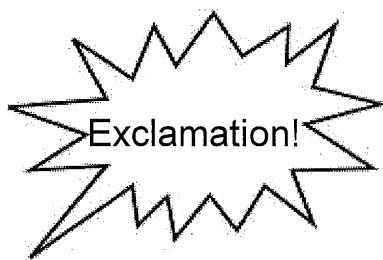
Drawing the Pictures

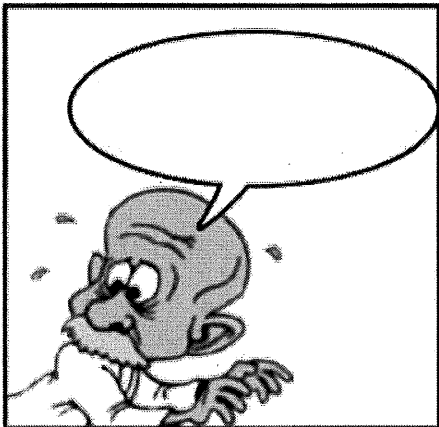
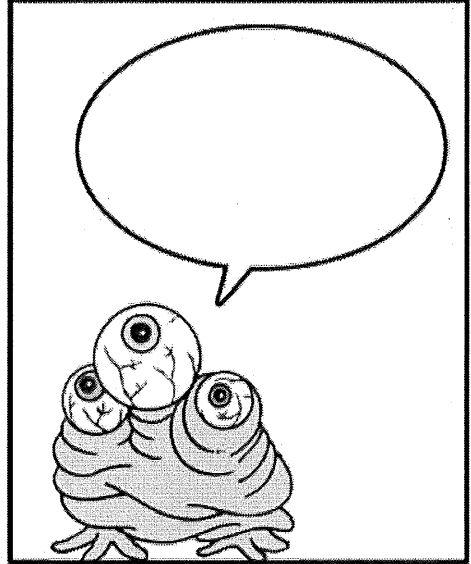
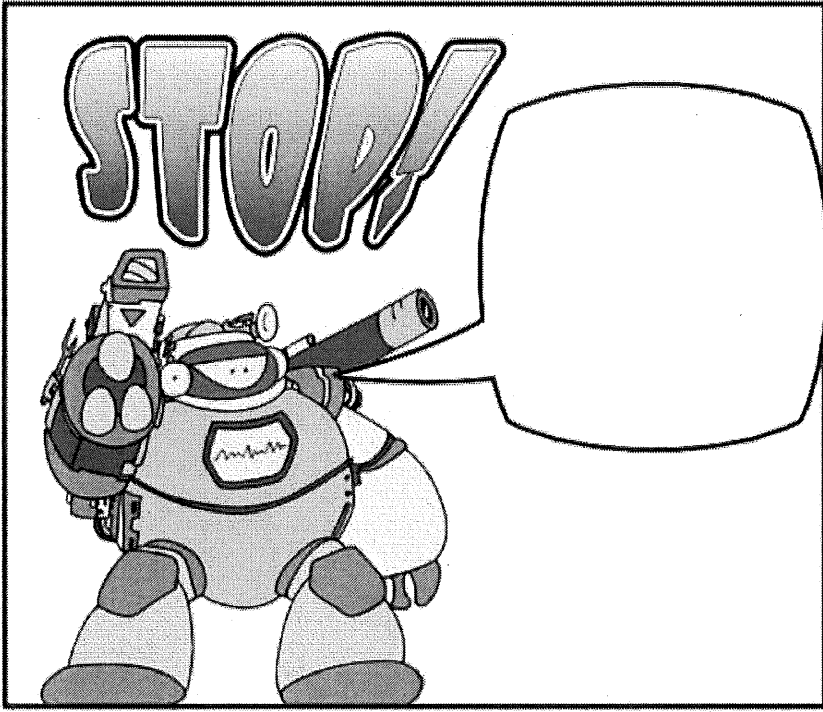
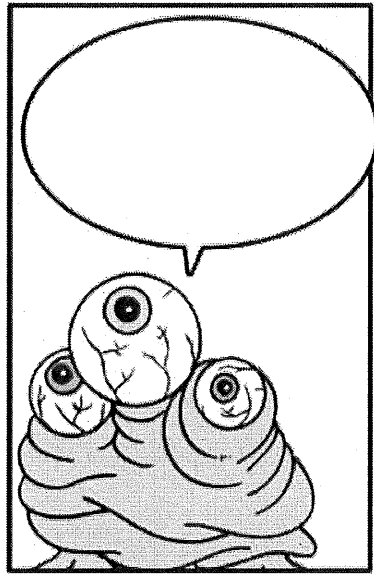
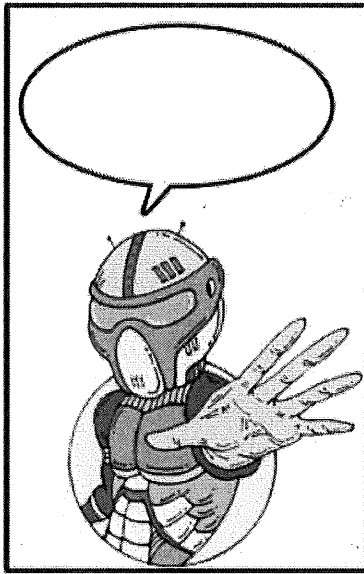
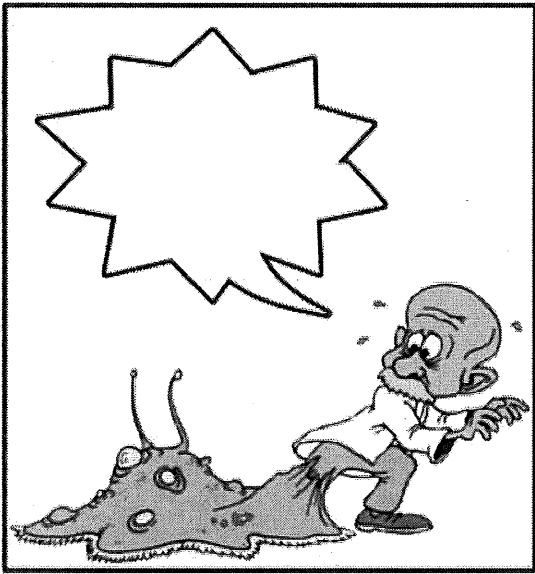
Decide how many pictures you will need to use to tell your story and then create a comic strip template to tell your story. There should be one box for each idea in your storyboard. The example above would use 7 boxes.

Draw a picture in the box that will let the reader know who is involved in that piece of the storyboard and what emotions that person is feeling. You can also include background pictures or props to help the reader understand what is going on.

Telling the Story

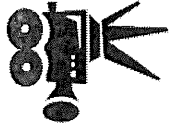
Create the text to fit the images in the comic strip boxes and put the text into speech bubbles. Remember to use as few words as possible to get your main thoughts across.







Storyboard



Name(s): _____ Date: _____ Period: _____

Storyboard panel 1: A large empty rectangular box with a small circle in the bottom-left corner.

Storyboard panel 2: Four horizontal lines for writing.

Storyboard panel 3: A large empty rectangular box with a small circle in the bottom-left corner.

Storyboard panel 4: Four horizontal lines for writing.

Storyboard panel 5: A large empty rectangular box with a small circle in the bottom-left corner.

Storyboard panel 6: Four horizontal lines for writing.

Storyboard panel 7: A large empty rectangular box with a small circle in the bottom-left corner.

Storyboard panel 8: Four horizontal lines for writing.

Storyboard panel 9: A large empty rectangular box with a small circle in the bottom-left corner.

Storyboard panel 10: Four horizontal lines for writing.

Storyboard panel 11: A large empty rectangular box with a small circle in the bottom-left corner.

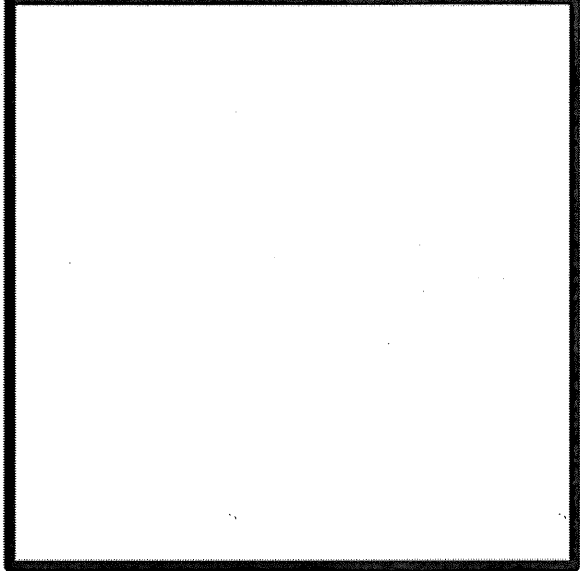
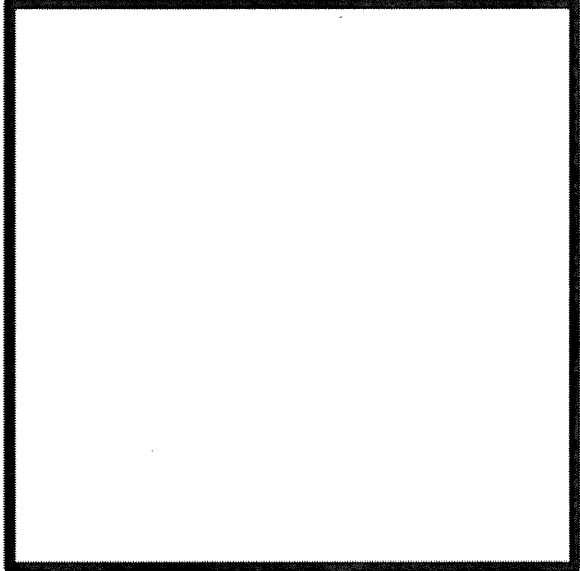
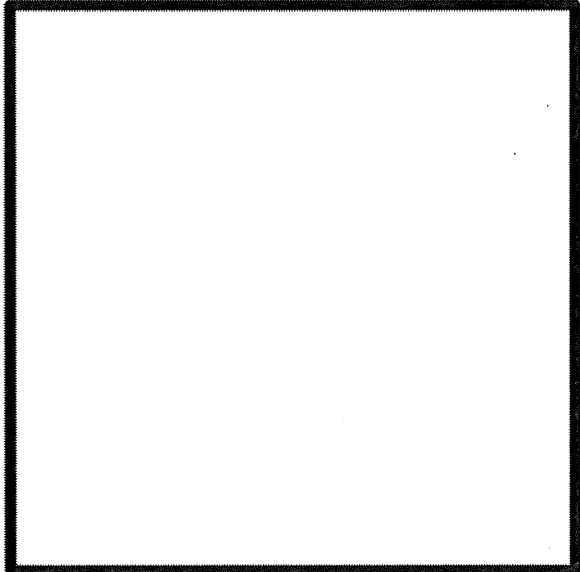
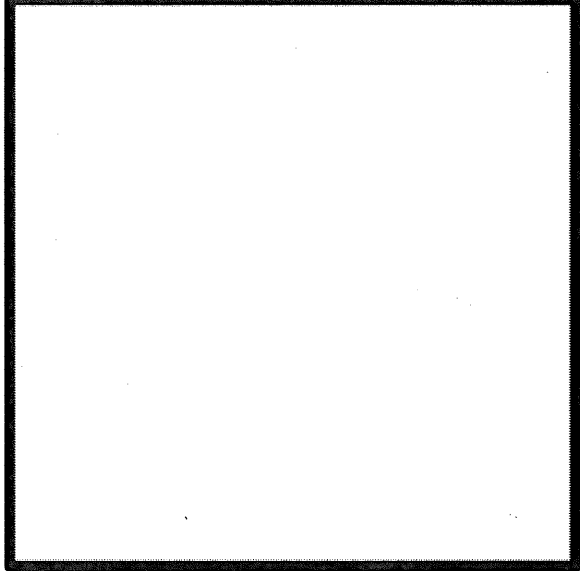
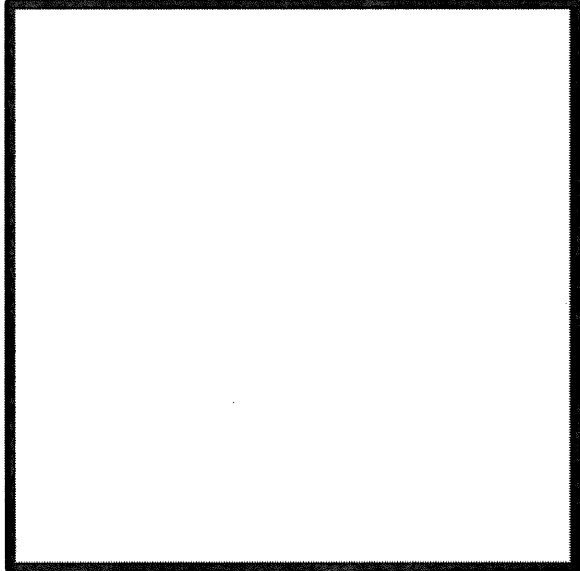
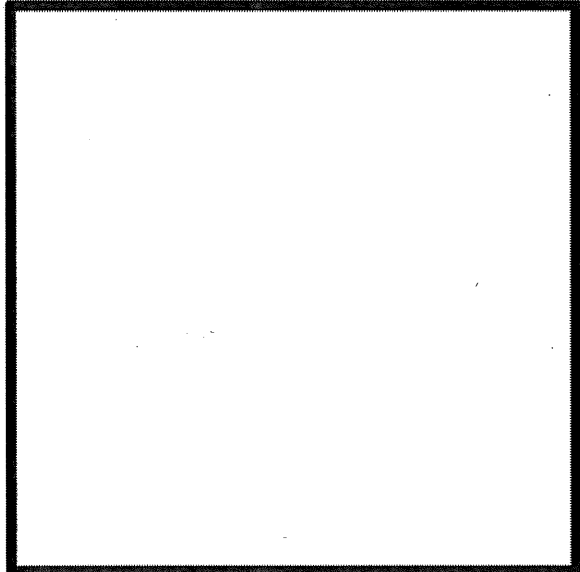
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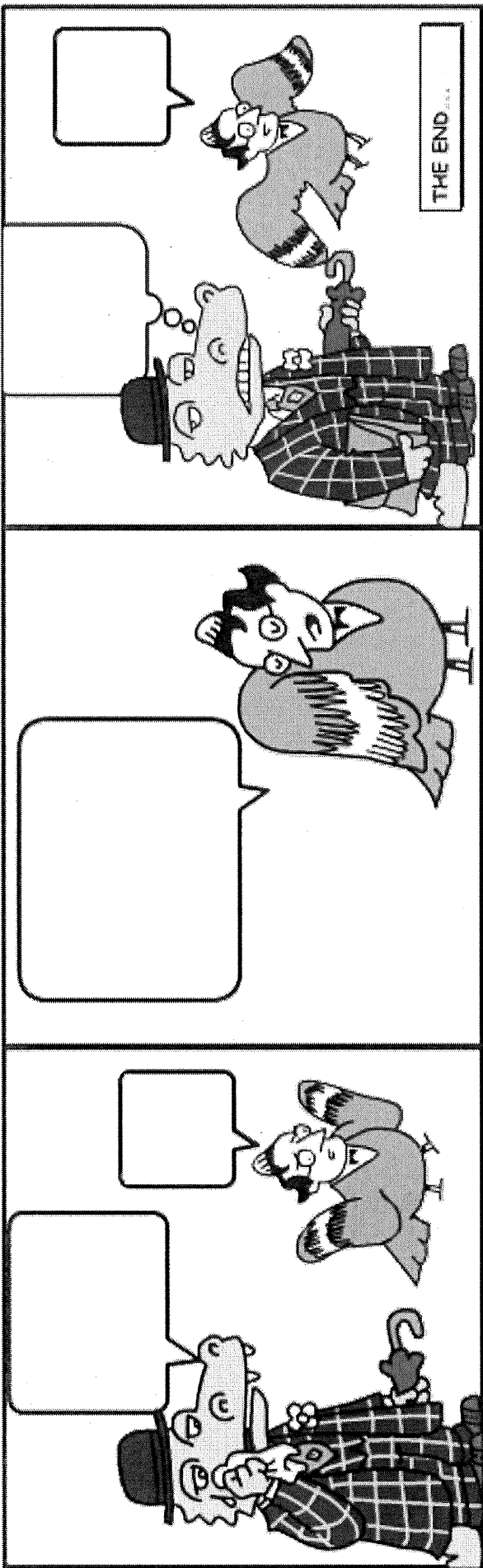
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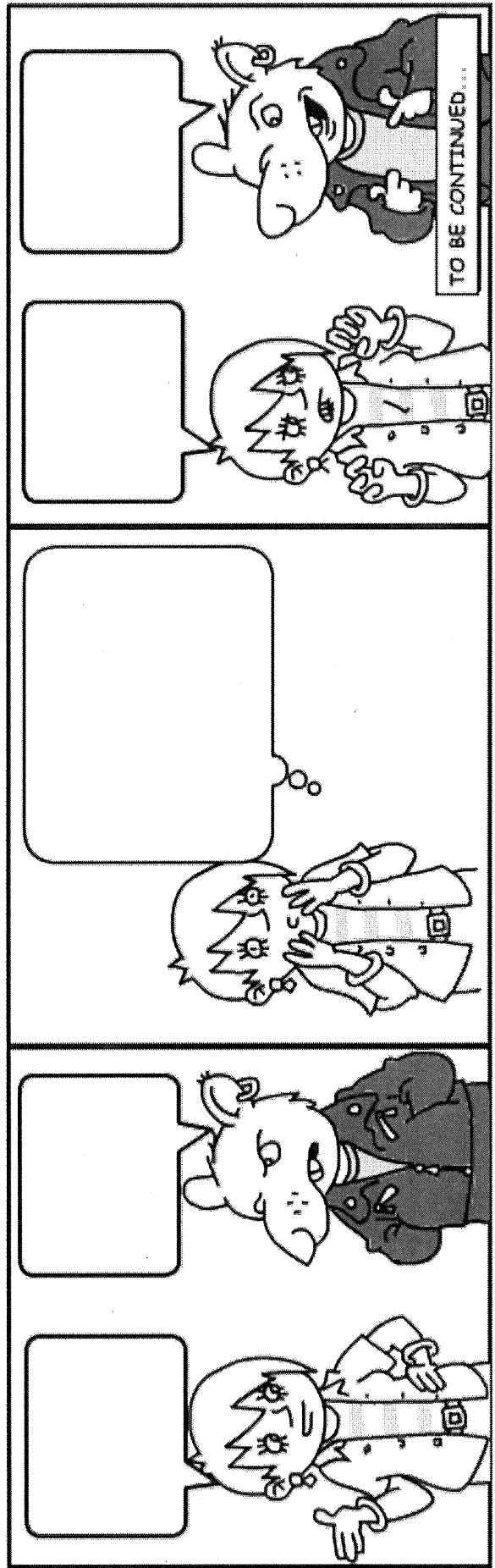
Comic Strip Story

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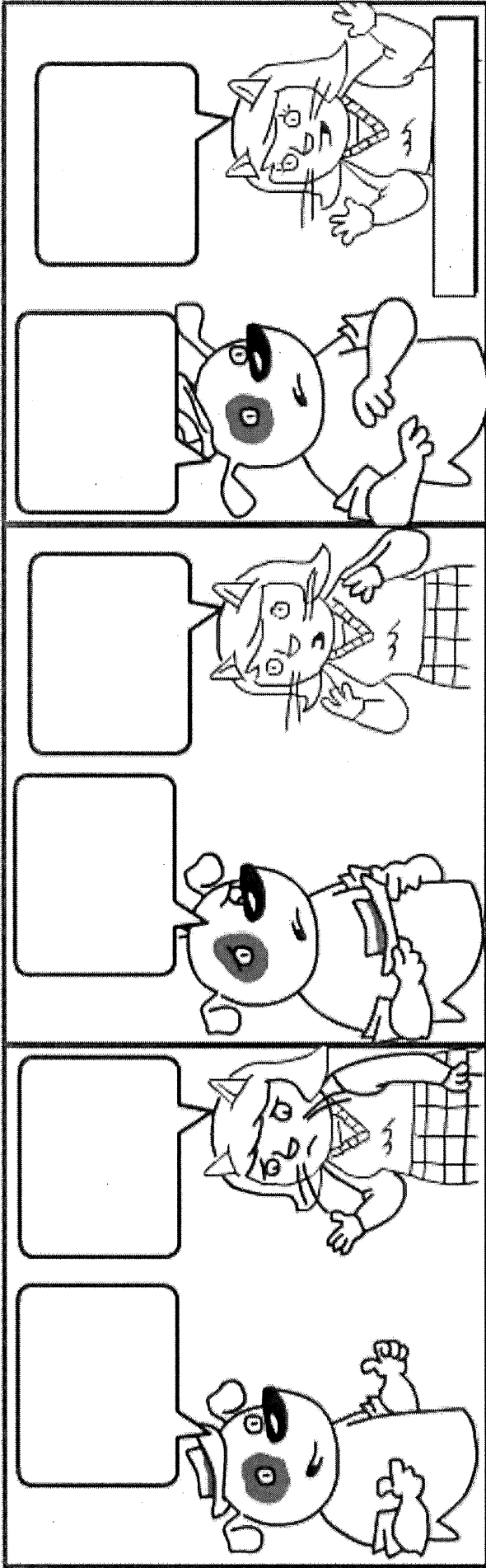




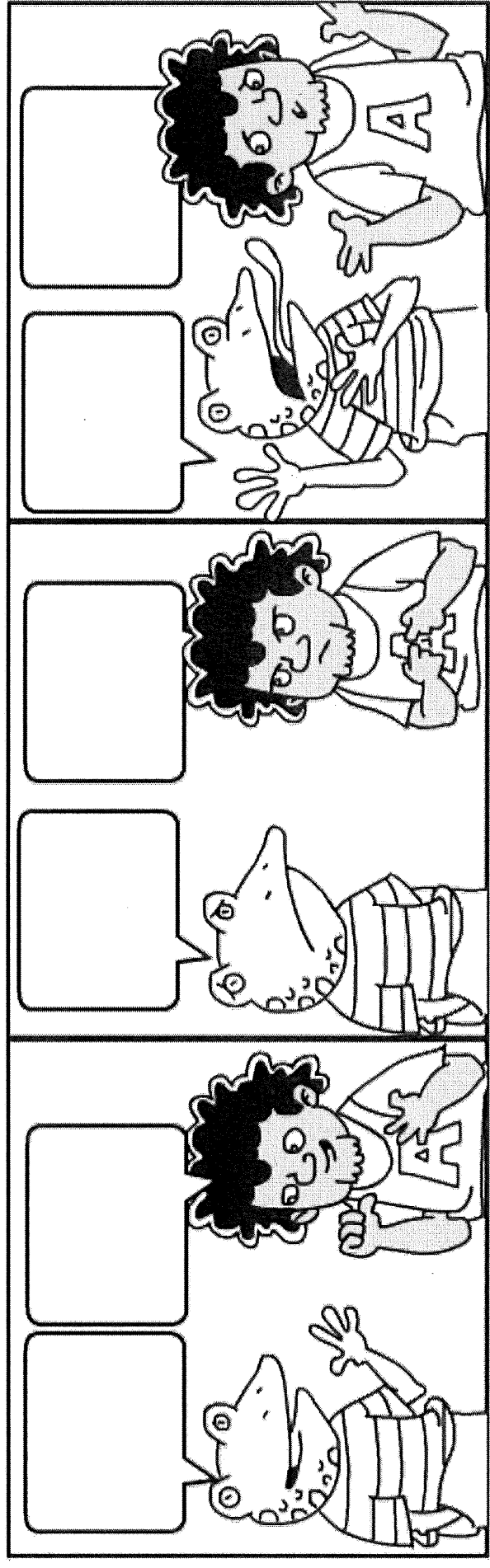
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