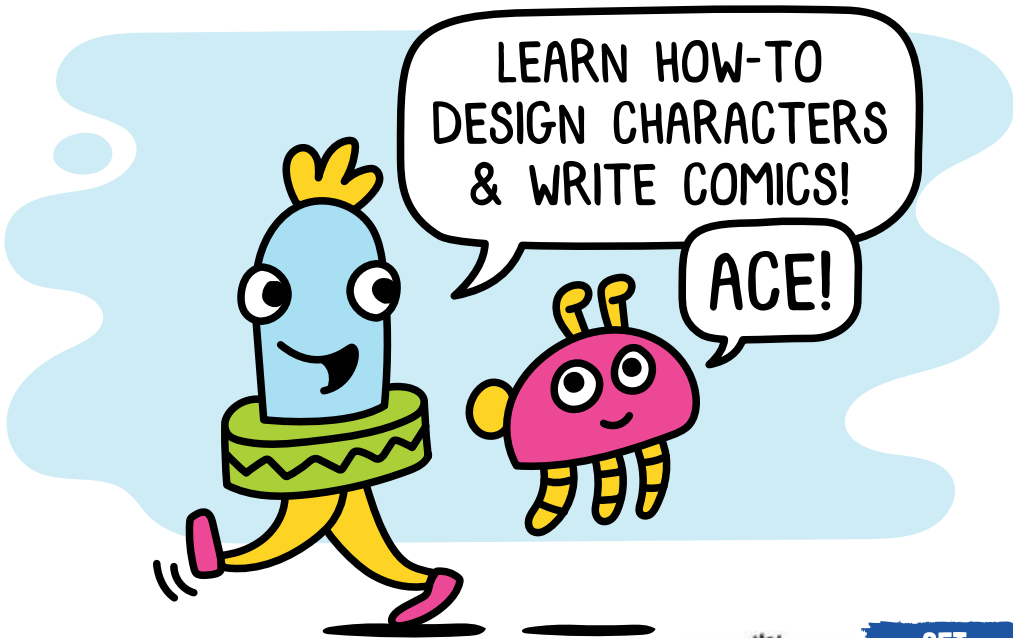


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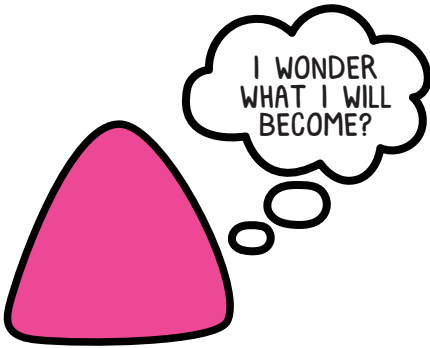


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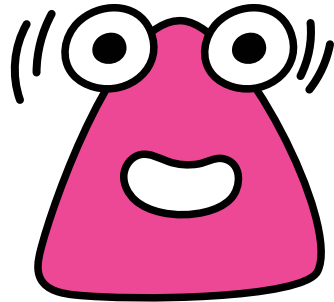
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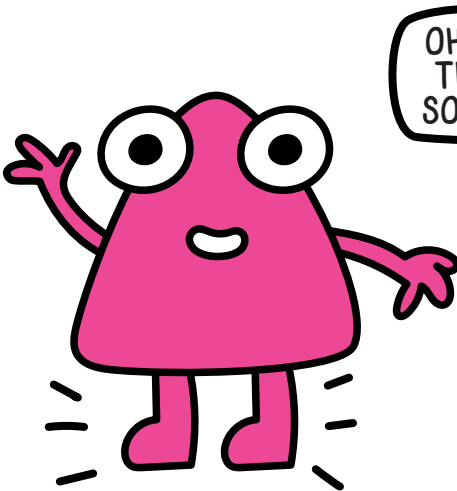
SHAPES THAT ARE REALLY EASY TO DRAW & RE-DRAW



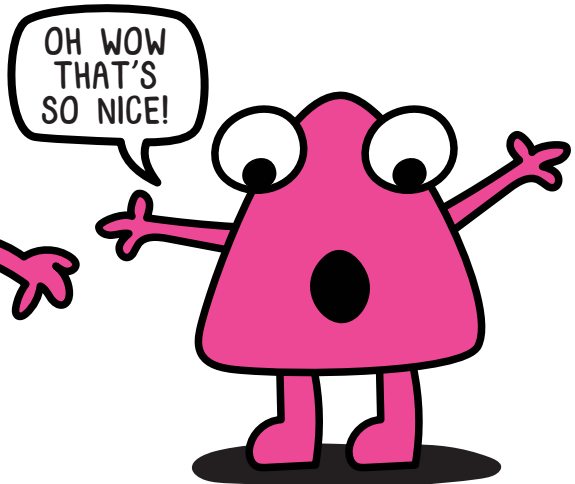
SIMPLE SHAPE
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EYES & MOUTH
SHOWS PERSONALITY



ARMS & LEGS
ALLOWS IT TO WALK

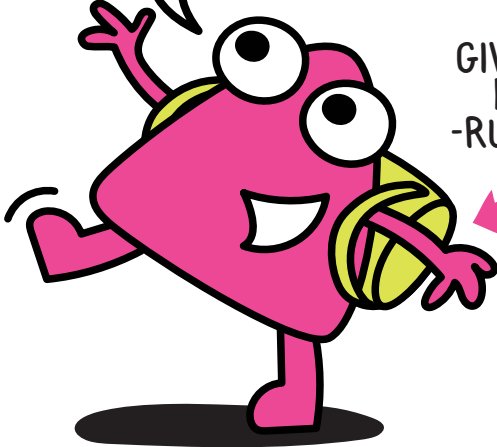


SHADOWS
ADDS WEIGHT & GROUNDING!

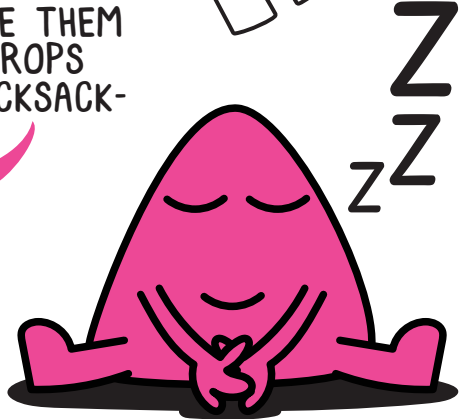
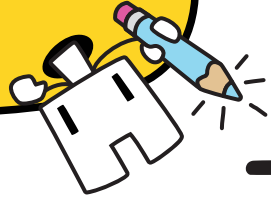
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RIGHT, I'M OFF TO SEE THE WORLD

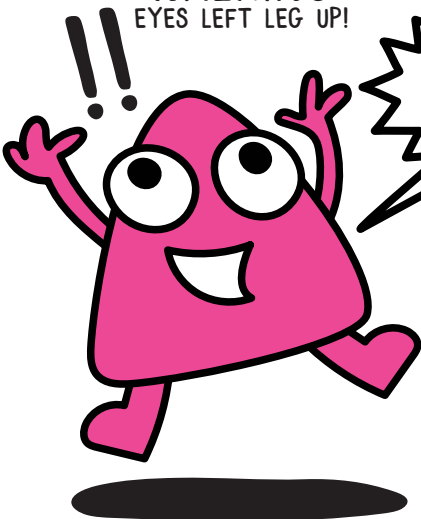


GIVE THEM PROPS -RUCKSACK-



WALKING

EYES LEFT LEG UP!



I CAN'T WAIT TO CREATE!

SLEEPING

EYES CLOSED, ZZZZ A FLYING, SITTING DOWN POSE



BOO HOO!

FAR TO EXCITED

JUMPING AROUND IN THE AIR, SHADOW ON THE GROUND! SHOUTING STYLE SPEECH BUBBLE

CRYING

HANDS OVER EYES, TEARS FLOODING, PUDDLES OF TEARS, SITTING DOWN POSE



PLANNING A COMIC STRIP

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• **BRAINSTORM IDEAS:** WHAT FUNNY THINGS HAVE YOU SEEN YOUR FRIENDS DO OR SAY? YOU CAN USE THESE AS IDEAS FOR YOUR COMIC. EXAMPLE:

FRIEND: I AM OVER THE MOON TODAY!
COMIC NAME: THE AMAZING MOON JUMPING BOY!

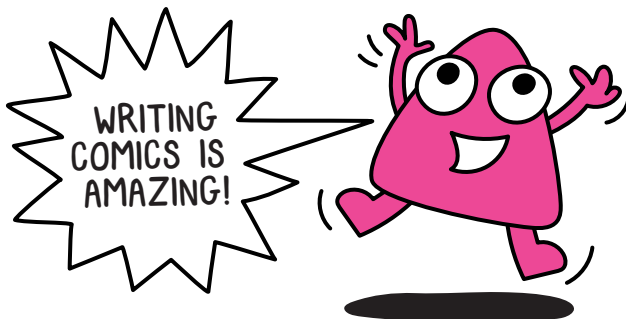
• **DON'T BE AFRAID TO START AT THE END:** LOTS OF WRITERS START WRITING THEIR STORIES WITH THE END IN MIND. IF YOU KNOW YOUR CHARACTER IS GOING TO SAVE THE WORLD, THEN ASK YOURSELF WHAT COULD YOUR CHARACTER BE DOING AT THE START OF THE STORY AND WHAT DID THEY DO TO SAVE THE WORLD?

• **INCLUDE FUNNY CHARACTERS:** THINK OF FUNNY CHARACTERS LIKE A TALKING CAT OR A ROBOT WHO LOVES ICE CREAM.

• **WRITE JOKES:** WHAT JOKES MAKE YOU LAUGH? USE THOSE IN YOUR COMIC TO MAKE YOUR READERS LAUGH TOO!

• **WHERE DOES YOUR STORY TAKE PLACE?** IT CAN TAKE PLACE IN LOTS OF LOCATIONS, SUCH AS: SPACE, A SCHOOL, A CAR PARK OR EVEN ON A BOUNCY CASTLE.

• **HAVE FUN:** DON'T FORGET TO ENJOY YOURSELF WHILE YOU'RE CREATING BECAUSE LET'S BE HONEST...





FEATURES OF A COMIC STRIP

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• **PANELS:** THINK ABOUT THE SHAPE, SIZE AND ORDER OF THE PANELS YOU CREATE. THIS WILL HELP THE READER UNDERSTAND THE STORY.

• **MOTION LINES:** USE MOTION LINES TO SHOW MOVEMENT. IF SOMEONE IS FALLING FROM THE SKY, THEN DRAW MOVEMENT LINES ABOVE THEM TO SHOW THEY ARE FALLING DOWNWARDS!

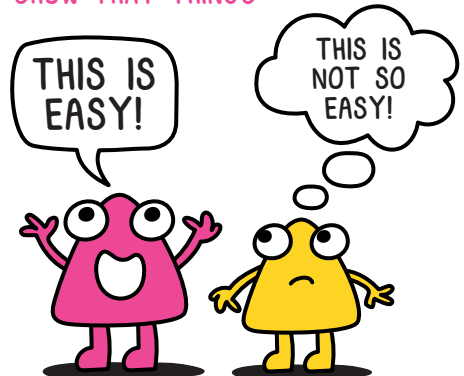
• **SOUND EFFECTS:** "KAPOW" OR "THWACK" THESE WORDS SOUND LIKE WHAT THEY ARE DESCRIBING, IT IS CALLED ONOMATOPOEIA. YOU MAY HAVE HEARD OF THAT WORD AT SCHOOL. THEY ARE FUN TO USE AND HELP YOUR COMIC BE MORE EXCITING.

• **CAPTIONS:** USE CAPTIONS TO GIVE BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND TELL THE READER WHEN AND WHERE EVENTS ARE HAPPENING.
EXAMPLE: BEE MAN ARRIVED IN THE HIVE.

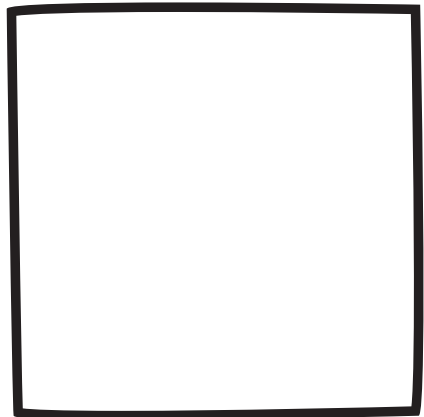
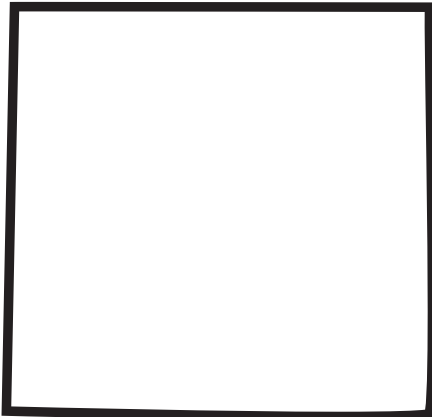
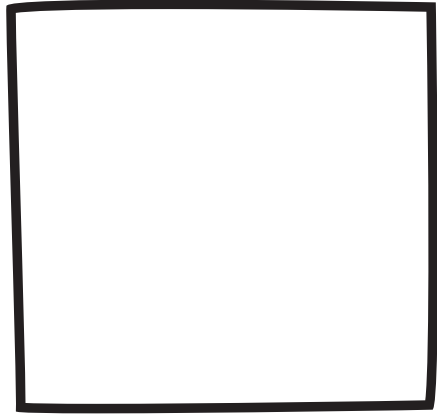
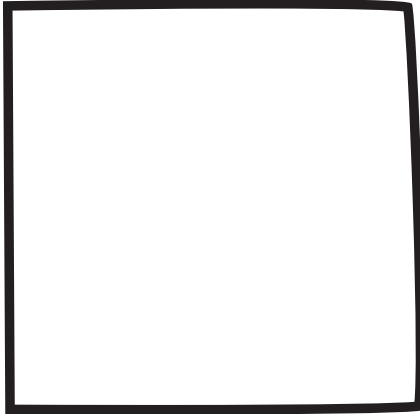
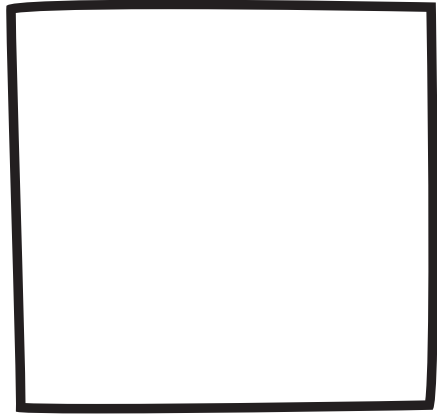
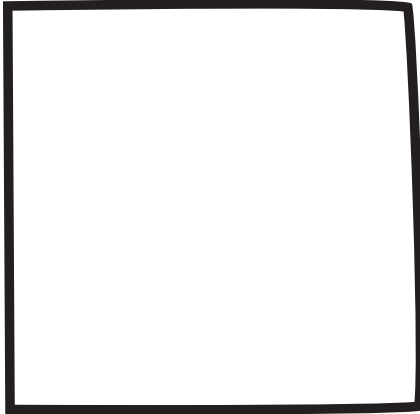
• **SPEECH BUBBLES:** PLACE THE WORDS YOU WANT THE CHARACTER TO SAY IN SPEECH BUBBLES. DIFFERENT SHAPES CAN SHOW DIFFERENT EMOTIONS. A NICE ROUND ONE CAN SHOW ALL IS CALM. A SPIKEY ONE MIGHT SHOW THAT THINGS ARE FRANTIC!

• **THOUGHT BUBBLES:** PUT WHAT YOUR CHARACTER IS THINKING IN THOUGHT BUBBLES.

SPEECH: "THIS IS EASY!"
THOUGHT: "THIS IS NOT SO EASY!"

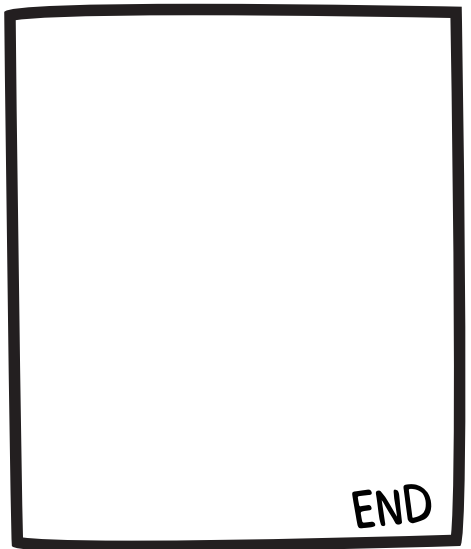
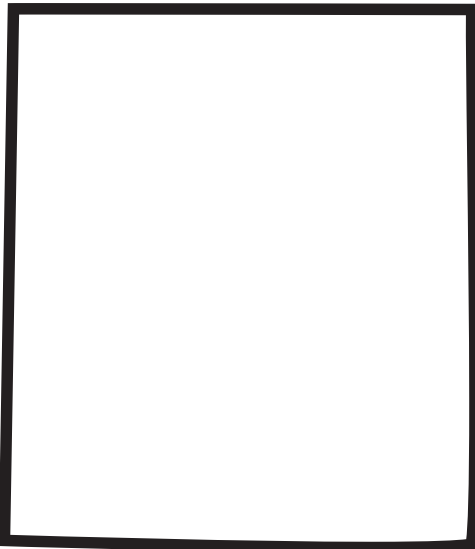
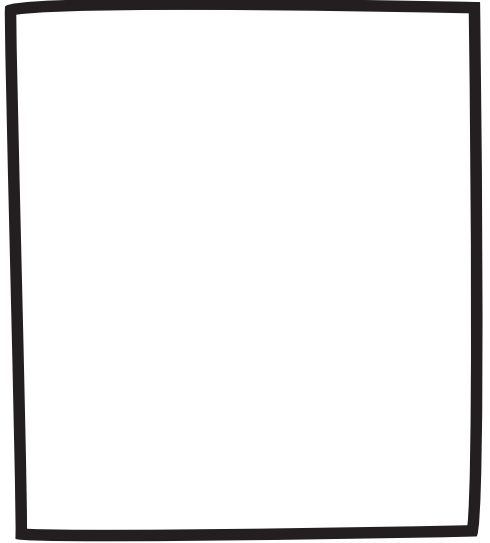
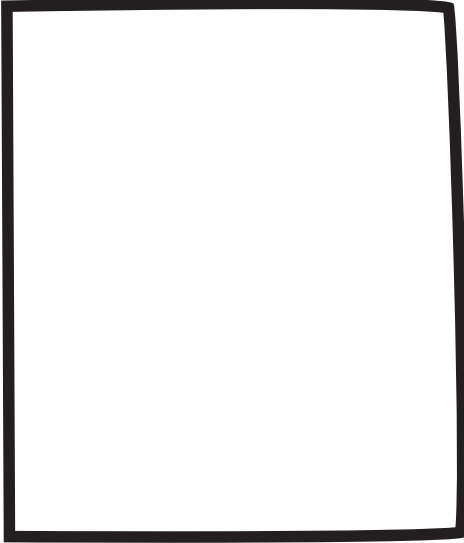


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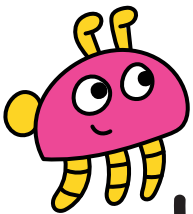
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