

Storyboards—Upper-Intermediate

A Read the text and answer the questions.

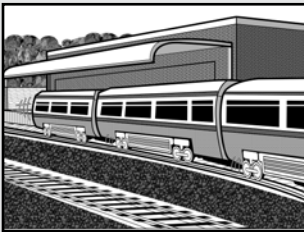
A **storyboard** is a useful tool for showing the sequence of scenes in a film, animation or TV programme. It can be used to visualize the scenes and find any possible problems before filming starts. A storyboard can be very basic or very detailed, but it should always show what will happen on set and which cast members will be in the scene.

1. What is a storyboard used for?
2. How could you use a storyboard for school projects?

Let's analyse

B Look at the example of a storyboard. Answer the questions in groups.

The Love Business



At the train station.
Sound of the train moving away.
Empty platform.



At the train station.
Katie running down the stairs.
Train moving away in the background.



On the platform.
Focus on Katie looking worried.



On the platform.
Katie checking her watch.
In the background, Nick is running down the stairs, carrying his briefcase.



On the platform.
Katie and Nick, both looking worried, smile at each other.
Train arrives.



On the train.
Katie and Nick sit down next to each other.
[Dialogue]



Suitcase in view.
On the train.
Focus on Katie looking shocked.
Looking at something out of scene.



On the train.
Focus on Nick's briefcase and name.

1. Where will the first scene be filmed?
2. Who are the cast members?
3. Can you understand the storyboard without the script?
4. What do you think the text is for?
5. What do you think happens next?

Let's do it!

Step 1 First decide on a simple story you would like to tell through a storyboard. Here are some ideas:

- a play to be presented by the class
- an action film

Step 2 Go online and search for a digital storyboard-creator tool.

Step 3 Create your storyboard. Remember to explain what will happen on set, who the characters are and describe any sound effects.

Step 4 Share the link to your storyboard with your teacher and classmates.