

Online comic creators—Elementary

Let's discuss

A Read the text and answer the questions.

- Ask students to read the text and discuss the questions in pairs. Elicit some answers and discuss as a class.

What is an online comic creator? Extra information

An **online comic creator** tool allows you to create animated characters and short dialogues in cartoon-strip style.

You can usually choose a scene or a background for your comic and you can add simple props too. There are online tools that can also create animated comics.

Comics are usually made in the first person voice. This means that the writer has to imagine what the characters are saying and write it out in direct speech.

Online and animated comics can be a very creative form of written expression that can attract and entertain many audiences, especially to the younger generation.

They can be used to tackle difficult topics and are accessible for younger people.

Key

- 1 *Comic strips usually use direct speech in the first person.*
- 2 *Younger people usually like them.*
- 3 *An object used by the characters or featured in a comic.*

Let's analyse

B Look at the comic below. Answer the questions in groups.

- Ask students to look at the comic and discuss the questions in groups of three or four. Elicit some answers and discuss as a class.

Key

- 1 *A party invitation.*
 - 2 *Where is the party? When is the party? What are they going to do? What can they bring?*
 - 3 *Friday, 17th May at 9 p.m.*
 - 4 *They are going to have pizza and watch a film.*
 - 5 *People should bring lots of snacks.*
- Go online and type keywords to find websites for making online or animated comics. Show students how to find safe sites.
 - Try making a group comic using suggestions from the class. Ask students what they would like the comic to be about and what information to include. Make the changes on screen and project the final result on the board.

Let's do it!

- This can be completed in class or as homework.
- Ask students to make a comic about a celebration or event.
- Once you have all the links to the comics, use one lesson to view them all as a class. Students can vote for their favourites and choose the best three.