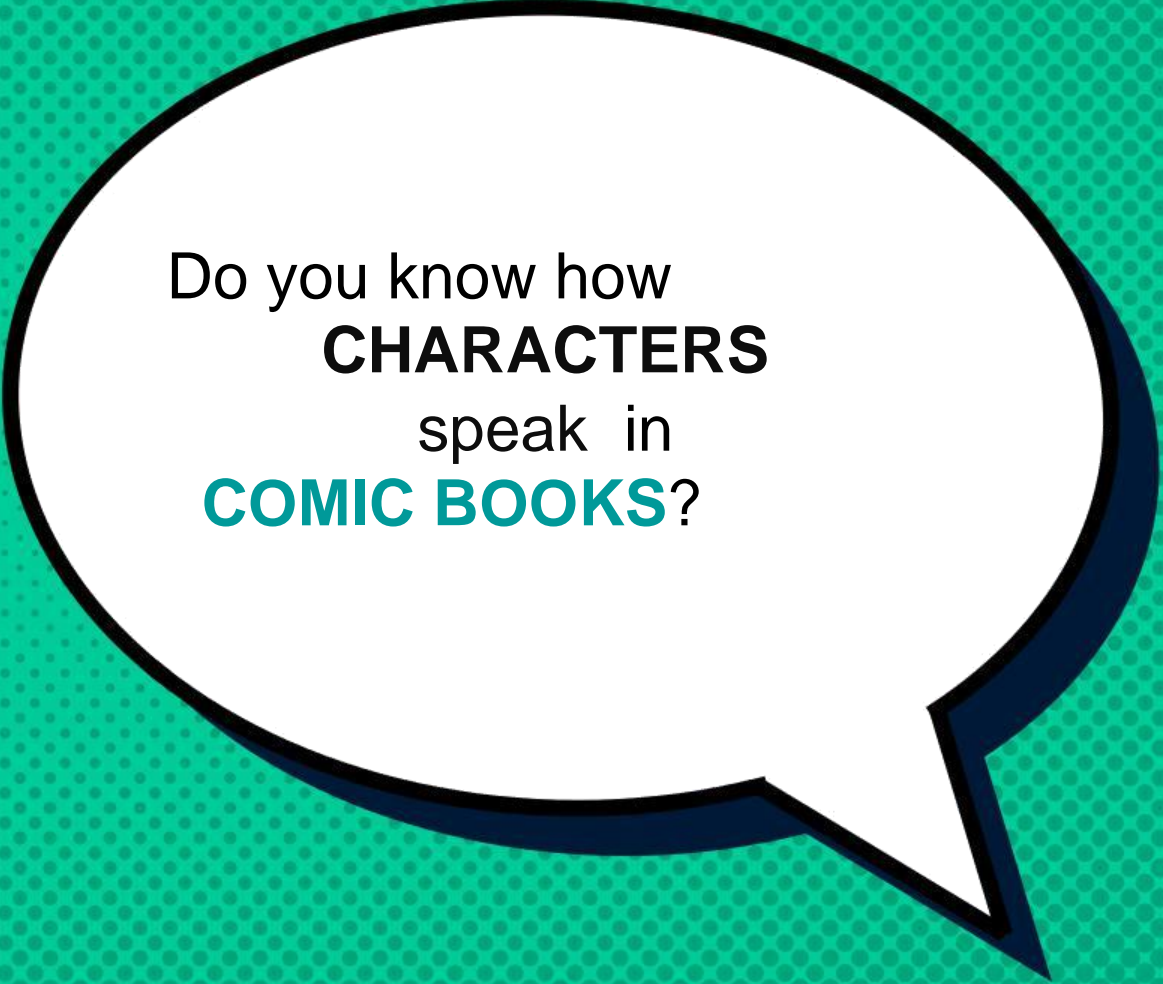


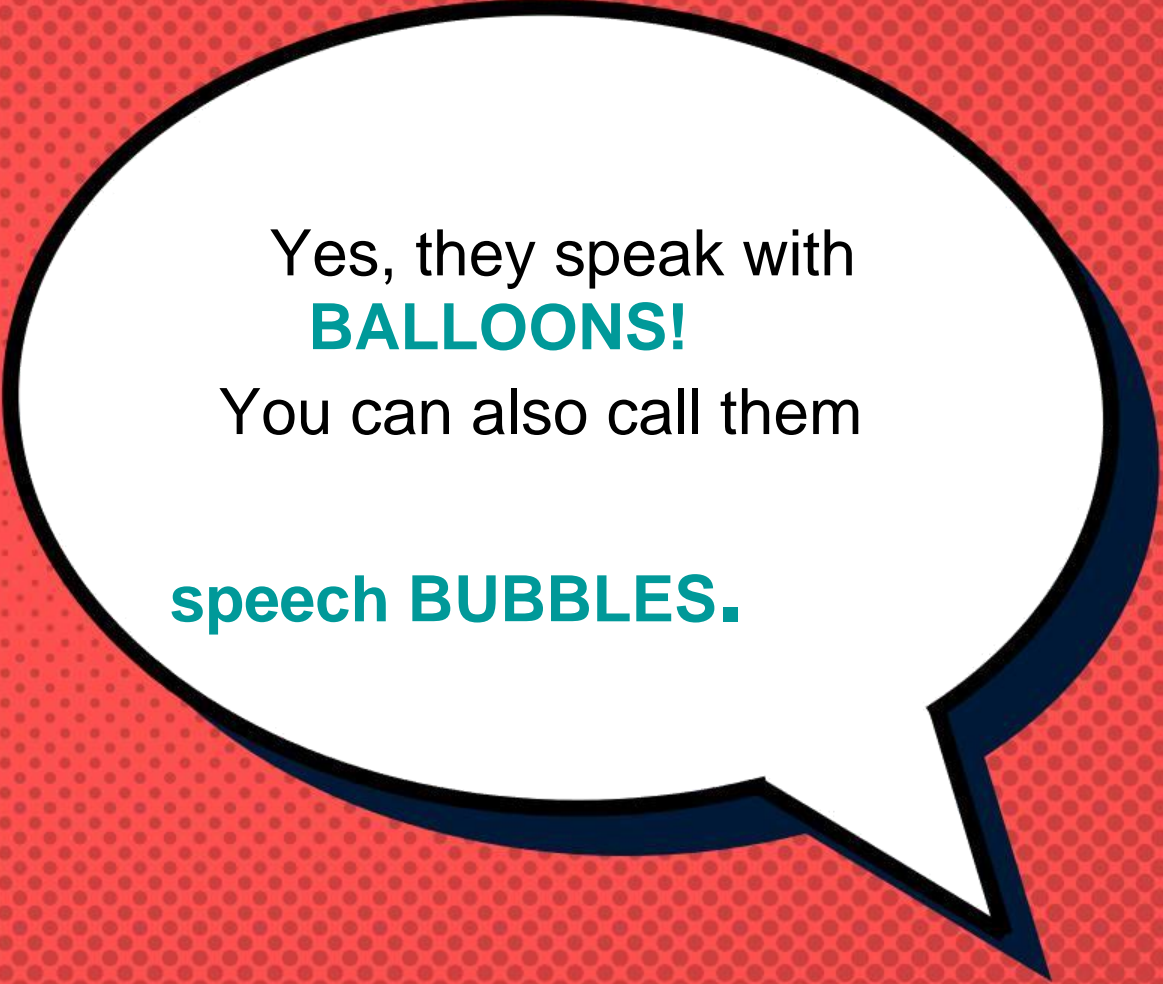
The language of comics

**Today
we will:**

1. **speak** about different shapes of balloons and their meanings.
2. speak about visual metaphors and their meanings.
3. draw our personal balloon.



Do you know how
CHARACTERS
speak in
COMIC BOOKS?



Yes, they speak with
BALLOONS!
You can also call them
speech BUBBLES.

BALLOONS have different **SHAPES** and **EDGES**, depending on their use.

Do you recognize some of these BALLOONS?



SPEECH BALLOON



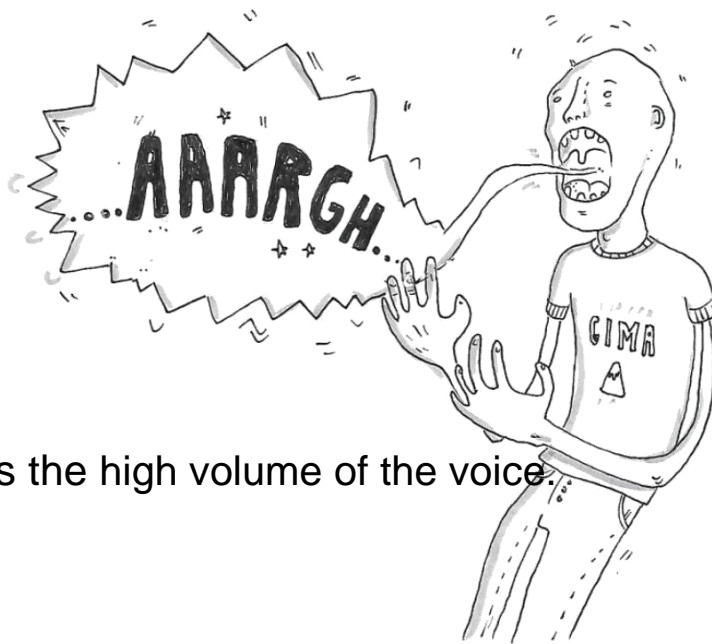
We use
A **Speech
BALLOON**
when
a **CHARACTER**
is speaking using a
normal voice.

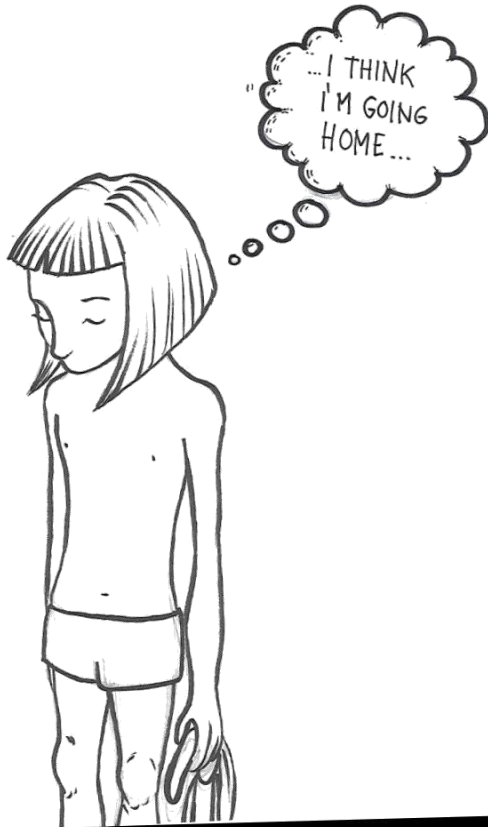
We use
A **scream BALLoON** when a
CHARACTER is screaming or
shouting.

when a character is
screaming, the
LETTERING is
usually in a
BIG BOLD TYPE,

to express the high volume of the voice.

SCREAM BALLOON





We use
A **thought BALLOON**
when
a CHARACTER
Is thinking or
dreaming.

Thought balloon

We use
A **whisper**
BALLOON
when
a CHARACTER
is **whispering**.

WHISPER BALLOON

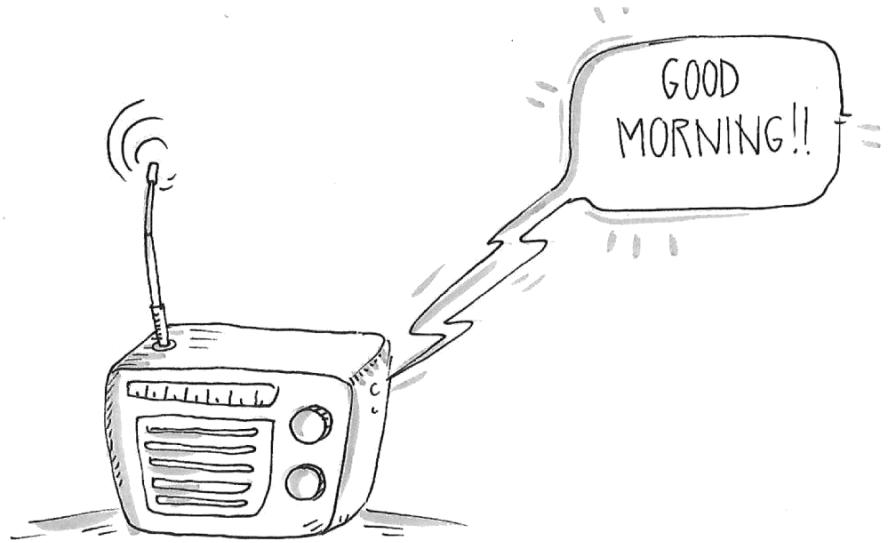


We use a
radio balloon

When a voice
is coming

From an electrical device.

(radio, tv, computer)



Electric balloon – radio balloon



We use
This **balloon**
when
Different
characters
Are speaking
At the same time.

Sometimes characters communicate using **graphic symbols**, instead of words:

THESE SYMBOLS ARE CALLED **VISUAL METAPHORS**.

Visual metaphors can show characters' emotions.

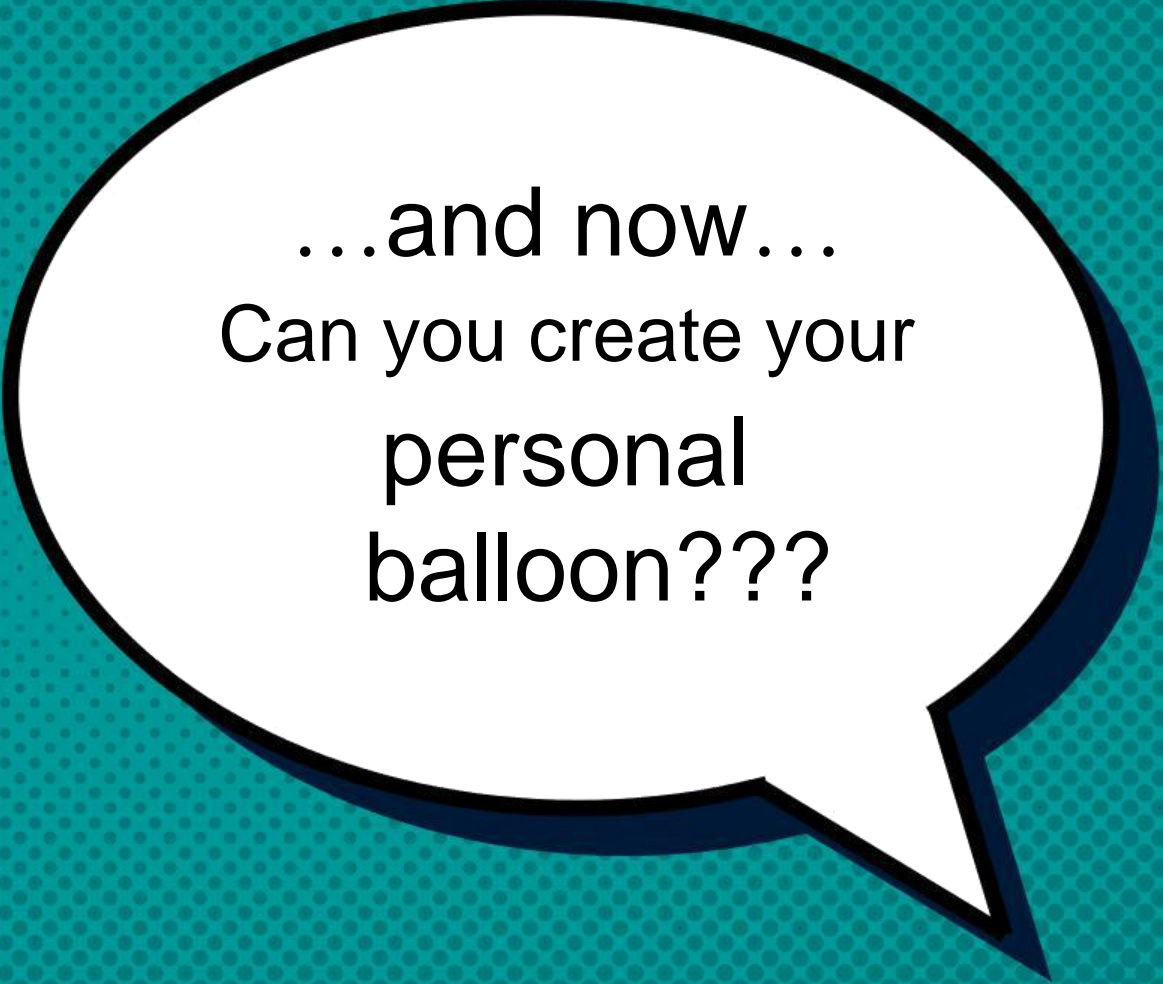
GUESS THE MEANING OF THESE VISUAL METAPHORS!!






Remember!!

- ✓ You have to read balloons
From left to right
and from top to bottom!!!
- ✓ **balloon tails** point
always to character's
mouth!



...and now...
Can you create your
personal
balloon???



**Watch this amazing video on
youtube and take inspiration to
create your personal
balloon!!**

<http://www.thevisuallinguist.com/2011/04/comics-and-pictorial-metaphor.html>

THANKS!

