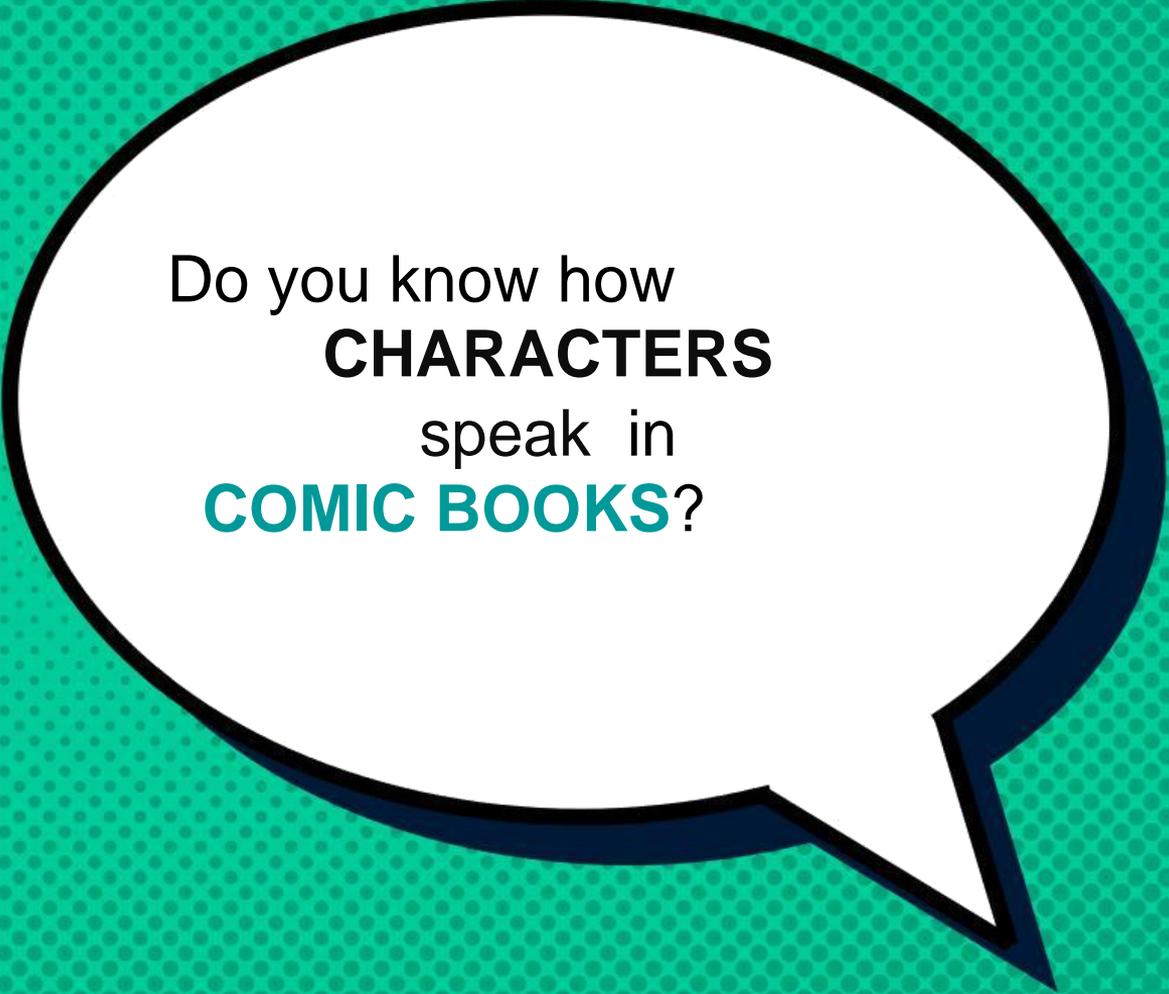




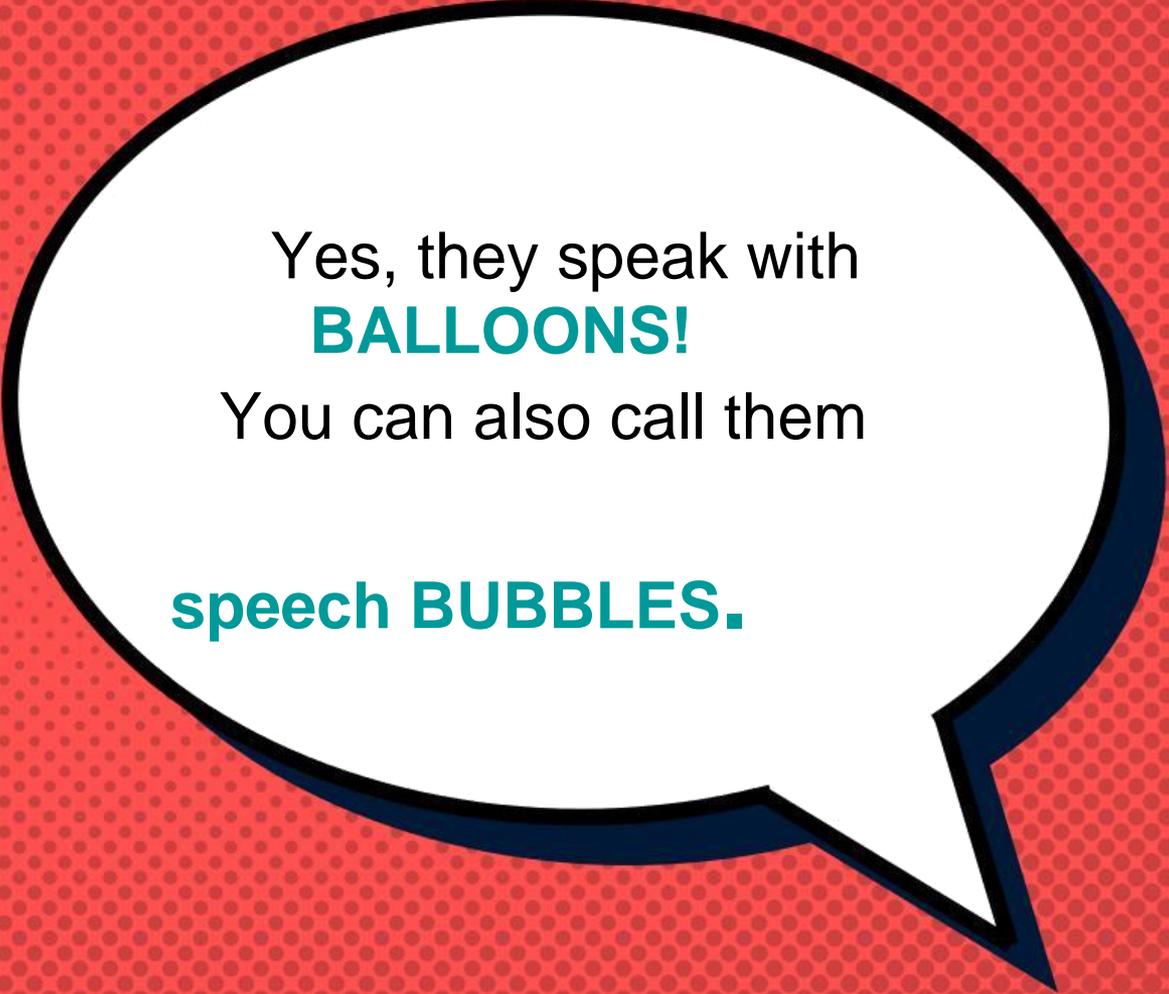
The language of comics

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



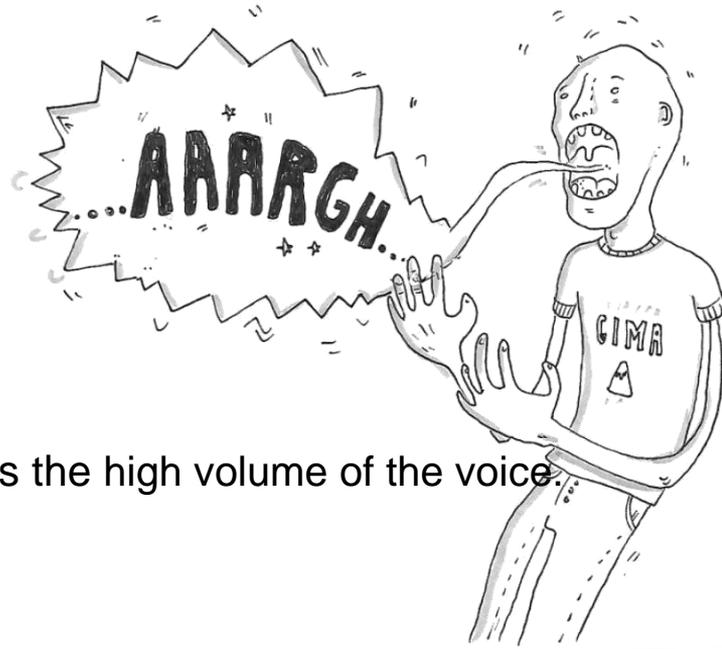
We use
A **Speech
BALLOON**
when
a **CHARACTER**
is speaking using a
normal voice.

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

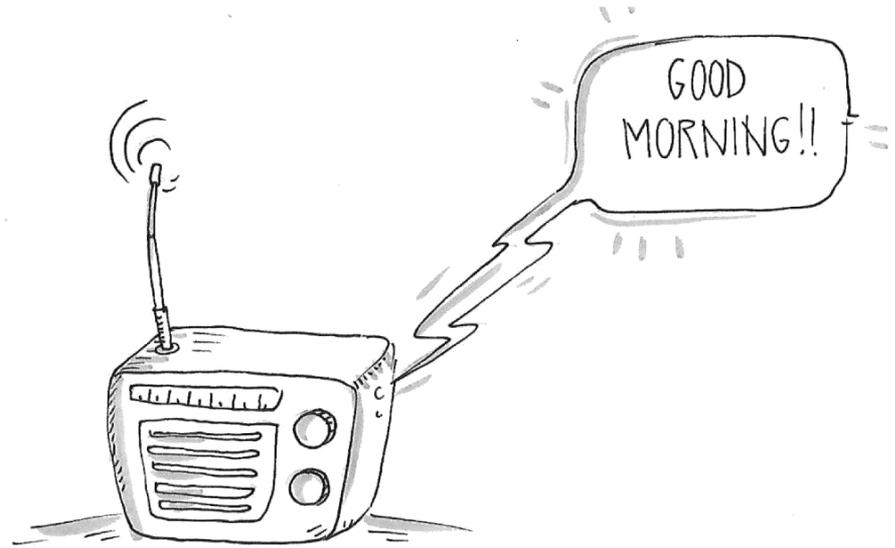


We use a
radio balloon

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.

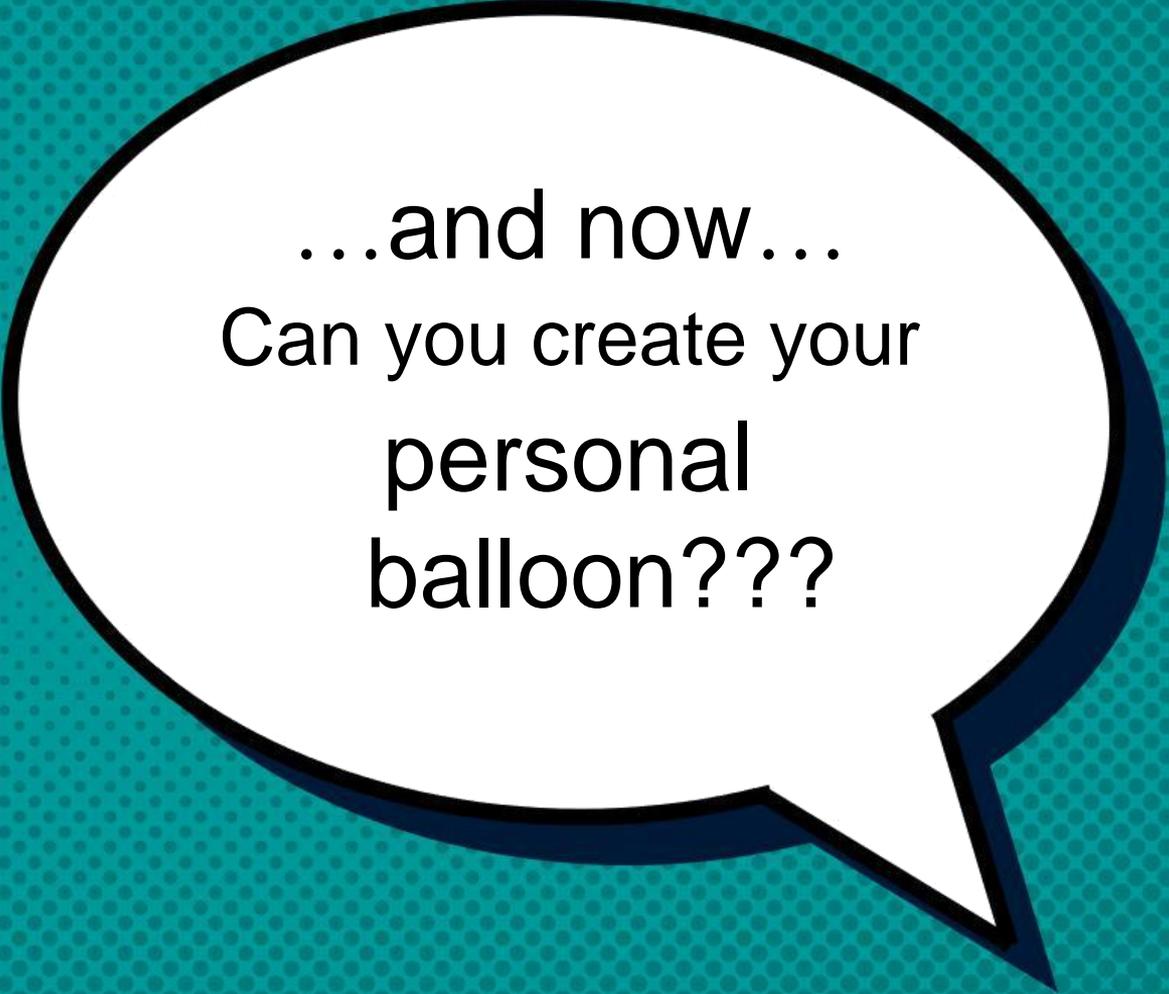
GUESS THE MEANING OF THESE VISUAL METAPHORS!!





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!

