

Creating and Sharing Comic Strips with...

MAKE BELIEFS COMIX®

To use the tools below:

- First, click on the tool you need.
- Then, click on the object in your panel to get the action to occur.

To get started:

- Go to www.makebeliefscomix.com
- Click on "Enter Here!"

The screenshot shows the Make Beliefs Comix website interface. At the top, there are input fields for "NAME YOUR COMIX" and "AUTHOR'S NAME", and a "GETTING STARTED" button. The main workspace is divided into three panels. The middle panel is highlighted with a red border and contains the text: "The frame highlighted in red indicates the frame you are currently working in." Below the panels, there are several toolbars and options. On the left, a vertical toolbar includes icons for "Print/Email", "Move", "Scale", "Bring to Front", "Flip", "Delete", and "Start Over". Below the panels, there are "SELECTION WINDOW" (showing a character with a stack of books), "OUR DIVERSE CAST OF CHARACTERS" (showing various characters), and "SELECT FROM OUR WORDS, OBJECTS AND BACKGROUNDS" (showing a scene with a building and a Christmas tree). At the bottom, there are "TALK BALLOONS" and "THOUGHT BALLOONS" options, a "PANEL PROMPTS" field with the text "THE NEXT DAY...", "BACKGROUND COLORS" (a row of color swatches), and "PANEL CHOICES - SELECT ONE" (a row of empty boxes). A "NEXT" button is located on the right side of the main workspace.

Getting objects to appear in your panel:

- Click on the panel you want to work in to highlight it in red.
- Select a character, object, scene, talk balloon, or panel prompt and it will appear in your "Selection Window."
- Use the arrows below the "Selection Window" to make changes, like emotions, to your selection.
- Click the object in your "Selection Window" to get it to appear in the highlighted panel.

Sharing your work:

- Once your comic strip is COMPLETE - there isn't a save option - click "Print/Email" in the toolbar or select "Next" on the right of your last panel.
- Follow the prompts.

- Go to www.pixton.com
 - Click on "Sign Up".
- Select "I'm an Educator" and then, "TRY PIXTON NOW".
- Choose "Log in with Google".

CREATE A COMIC NOW!

"Create from Blank Layout"

Choose from tons of layouts and get started.

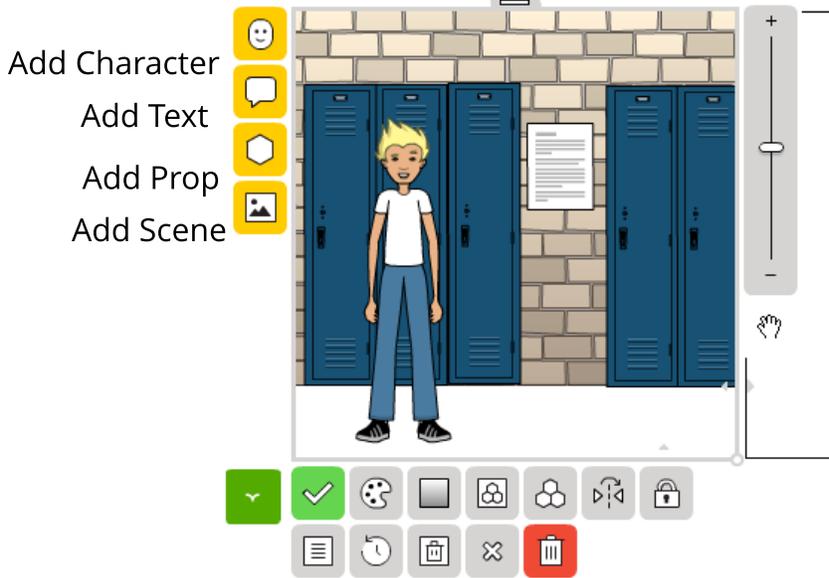
OR

"Create from Template"

Start with a complete comic and adapt it for your needs.



Comic Strip Example



Tips and Helpful Hints

- Every item can be changed. There is a lot of room for creativity.
- Each panel works independently.
- Adding a panel automatically copies the previous panel.
- Click off the item to go back to the "home" options.
- Once published it can still be edited.
- The green question mark in the bottom, right corner has helpful information.

Be Aware...

Free Account = Access to 3 comic strips
Work Around = Use those 3 and change them up
Hovering over item doesn't show what it does

When you're finished:

- Click "Save and Continue" in the bottom right corner.
- On the next page, give your comic a title, if you haven't already.
- Finally, you can post your comic to social media, print it, email it, embed it in a website, etc.

Adds identical panel to the left

Saves and closes panel

Changes background color of the slide

Flips the panel

Goes back to the last saved version of the panel

Clears the panel

Closes the panel without saving it

The "buttons" around the panel relate to what you're working on: character, text, prop, scene.

Ex: When you click on character a different set of "buttons" shows up from when you click on text.

These options appear once your comic is published.



Use these buttons to do more with this comic

