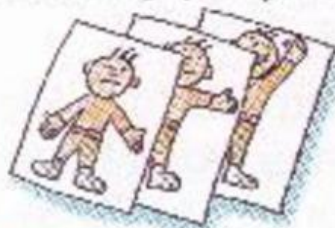


The History of Cartoons.

1. Wordbank.

moving pictures
['mu:viŋ 'pɪktʃəz]



round [raʊnd]



a dwarf
[dwa:ɹf]



Stuart Blackton ['stju:ət 'blæktən]

Winsor McCay ['wɪnzə mə'keɪ]

Walt Disney ['wɔ:lt 'dɪzni]

Gertie ['gɜ:ti]

Felix ['felɪks]

2. Fill in the gaps with the new words.

1. Cartoons are _____ pictures.
2. A _____ lived in a little house in a forest.
3. A ball is _____.

3. Are the sentences true or false? Read the story and check your answers.

1. The first cartoons were made fifty years ago.
2. The first cartoon character was a mouse.
3. Cartoons about Mickey Mouse were the first coloured cartoons.
4. "Dumbo" and "Felix the Cat" are Disney films.
5. "Toy Story" and "Bugs' Life" are computer cartoons.

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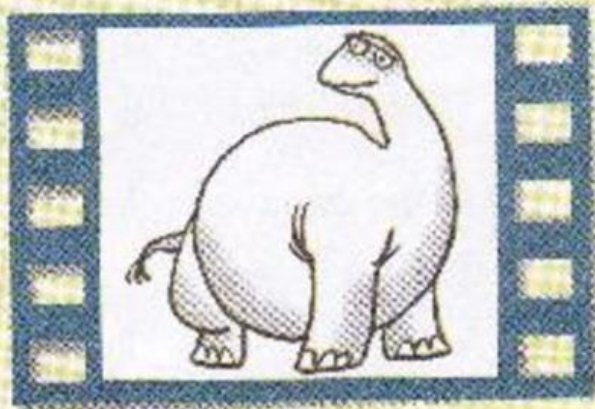


1

The first cartoons were made soon¹ after the first films. In 1906, Stuart Blackton drew a lot of faces on a blackboard, photographed them and made a short cartoon called "Funny Faces". After that, other people started making cartoons too. These cartoons didn't have characters² or stories. They were just moving pictures.

2

In 1914, Winsor McCay made a short cartoon called "Gertie the Dinosaur". Everyone loved it because it had a character! Gertie was the first cartoon character. Another popular cartoon character was Felix the Cat. When people saw the first cartoon about Felix they liked him so much that the studio made cartoons about him again and again. "Felix the Cat" was the first cartoon series³.



¹ soon – вскоре; ² characters – герои; ³ series – сериал.



3

At that time, cartoons were black and white and silent¹. Walt Disney was the first to make cartoons with sound² and in colour. In 1928, Disney drew a funny character for a cartoon – a mouse. The mouse had short round ears, a black nose and a funny face. Disney called him Mickey. He also drew a friend for Mickey called Minnie Mouse. Cartoons with Mickey and Minnie became hits!

4

In 1937, the Disney Studio made the first long cartoon called "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs". Next came "Dumbo", "Bambi", "Peter Pan", "The Jungle Book" and other films. They all became very popular. The Disney Studio soon became one of the most popular studios in the world.

5

In 1995, children all over the world saw the first computer cartoon, "Toy Story". Then came "Toy Story 2". Some other computer-animated cartoons are "Bugs' Life" and "Shrek".

¹ silent – немые; ² with sound – звуковые.

4. Match the headings A-E to the paragraphs (1-5).

- A. The first computer cartoons.
- B. The first long cartoons.
- C. Disney's first cartoons.
- D. The first cartoon.
- E. The first cartoon characters.



5. Match the parts of the sentences.

1. Winsor McCay ...
2. Gertie the Dinosaur ...
3. "Felix the Cat" ...
4. Mickey Mouse ...
5. Walt Disney ...
6. "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" ...
7. "Toy Story" ...

- became the most popular cartoon character in the world.
- was the first long cartoon.
- was the first cartoon series.
- was the first computer cartoon.
- made the first cartoon with a character.
- was the first cartoon character.
- made the first cartoons with sound.

6. Guess the characters.

1

She's little and funny. She's got a round face. She's got big black ears and a black nose.

2

She's got black hair. She's got big blue eyes. She's got a little nose and a little pink mouth. She's beautiful. She's very kind. She's got seven little friends.

7. Draw your favourite cartoon character and write about him / her.