Comic Books

1. What is a Comic book? Select the correct answer and write the corresponding letter in this square.

a) A record of a person's life
b) A sequence of drawings arranged in interrelated panels to display brief humour or form a narrative, with text in balloons and captions.
c) A story about gods and heroes in the past
d) A story full of suspense
e) A story with animal characters and a moral

Note:
Comic book = Comic strip = Comic
TEXT IS USUALLY ALL IN CAPITAL

2- Comics elements

a) Watch this video:

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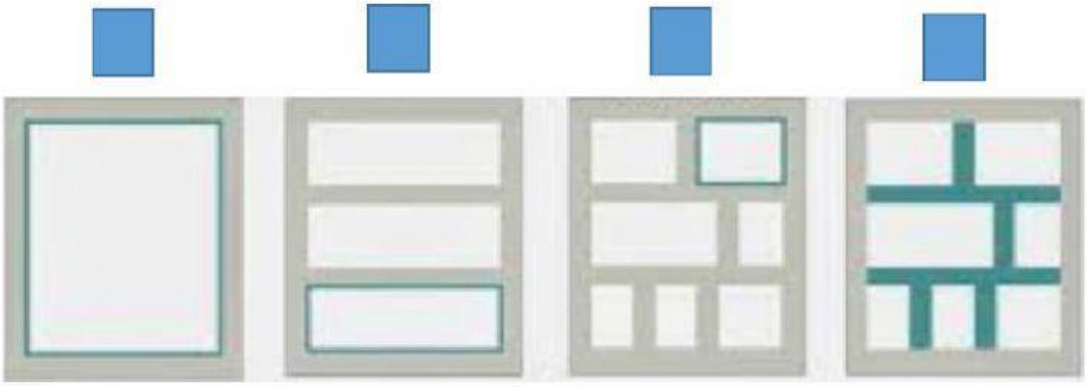
b) Look at the several pictures. Drag and drop the words according to the following pictures.

1. Name of the comic book
2. Story board Panel / comic book page– a page of a comics
3. Balloons/bubbles – These show readers what the characters are saying aloud (Speech bubbles/balloons) / are thinking (Thought bubbles/balloons)
4. Caption – these set the stage for readers and give information about characters and scenes
5. Panel/ Frame – The spaces that contain a single scene, usually in the shape of a square or a rectangle
6. Gutter – The spaces between panels that contain little gaps in time. Readers can imagine what may have occurred in these "pauses"
7. Sound effect / SFX. They are usually examples of Onomatopoeia – words that indicate a sound

– Whoosh!	Something moving very fast
– Wham! Bam!	Somebody hitting someone/something
– Boom!	An explosion (eg a bomb going off)
– Splat!	Someone drops something, or a person falls on the ground
– Zoom	A car or rocket is moving very fast

8. Tier / Sequence – This is a single row of panels
9. Characters



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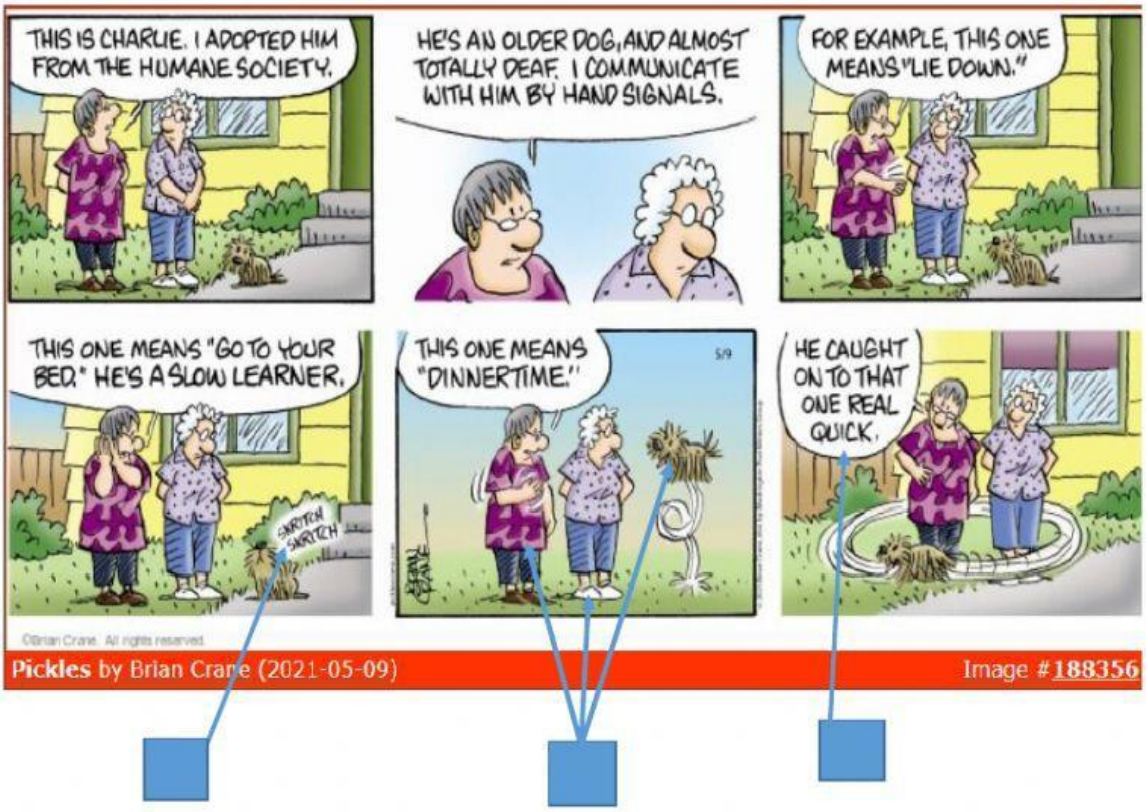

c. BUBBLES/BALLOONS - Read the following information and label each bubble.

Speech and thought bubbles make the texts in comics and cartoons expressive and meaningful. There are 5 main speech and thought balloons.

Speech bubble: It is the most common bubble. It has a well-defined line and a tail directed towards the character who is speaking.

Whisper bubble: It is similar to the speech bubble but its frame is dotted.

Scream bubble: This bubble's line have spikes and it can be used to mark onomatopoeia, a scream, or a loud noise. It doesn't have a tail.

Icicle bubble: This bubble's bottom line has the shape of the icicles denoting a character's cold attitude while speaking.

Thought bubble: This bubble has a cloud-shaped line and instead of having a tail it has a series of increasingly small circles pointing to the character.

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