



# Exploring 4-H at Home



Community Engagement  
and Communications

**Pillar:** Community Engagement and Communications

**Project:** Writing Skills: A to Z

**Activity:** Create a Comic Strip/Book



# Creating a Comic Strip/Book

When you think about writing skills, most people probably think about essays, research projects, tests and school assignments. Communicating using the written word doesn't need to be hard!

This activity will have you using a comic as a means of communication.

What you need:

- Coloured pencils or markers
- Drawing paper
- Pencils
- Eraser
- Ruler

How to make a comic:

1. Research comic strips or comic books you enjoy online or in the newspaper
  - a. What are some common features of them?
    - i. One to Two sentence conversations between characters
    - ii. One picture per frame
    - iii. Humorous situations or dialogue
2. Brainstorm ideas
  - a. Come up with a subject or scenario
    - i. Is it based in reality (ie. Trials of being a kid) or fantasy (ie in space)
  - b. Be creative! There are no rules.
3. Use the ruler to create frames on your paper (or print out one of the templates in this document)
  - a. Make sure the squares are large enough for you to draw in
4. Draw the picture to go in each frame
  - a. Remember the story you are trying to tell
  - b. Save room for the speech bubbles!
  - c. Convey your comic with words and pictures
    - i. If your character is happy or sad, show it in the picture, as well as in words
5. Write out your dialogue on a separate piece of paper
  - a. Once you have it figured out, you can add it into the frames

Make sure to share your comic book using the hashtag #exploring4hathome on Facebook or Instagram!





