

## Making an Animated Cartoon

**Topic:** Cartoons

**Curriculum link:** Art, Technology

**Text type:** Explanation

**Reading level:** 23

**Word count:** 455

**Vocabulary:** actors, adventures, animated, animation, background, cartoon, cels, character, computer, drawing, drawing board, film, flipbooks, movement, movies, photographed, picture, recording, scanned, screen, sketch, soundtrack, sound effects, still images, stories, storyboard, studio, television, videotape

**Possible literacy focus**

Understanding information presented in step by step illustrations.

Applying information presented in the text, such as how to make a storyboard

**Summary**

This book explains the process of making an animated cartoon. The text is written from the point of view of animator Alex Stitt.

### Task Card

## Make a storyboard

You will need:

paper, pencils, felt-tip pens

1. Imagine that you have been asked to write another story about Sebastian.
2. Think about the adventure he will have in your story.
3. Draw a storyboard to show what will happen. Draw rough pictures of each stage of the story. Under each box, describe what is happening and what the characters are going to say.
4. Share your storyboard with a friend.


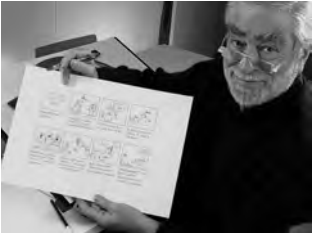








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# How to make an animated cartoon

Write about each stage of making a cartoon. Use the pictures to help you. Re-read the book to check that you are right.

<b>Stage</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
<p>Think of a character</p> 	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>Write the story</p> 	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>Record the soundtrack</p> 	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>Draw the characters</p> 	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>Draw the background</p> 	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>Make the drawings move</p> 	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>



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# Profile of an author or an illustrator

Think about your favourite author or illustrator – they might be the same person!

Fill in the profile below and share the information with a friend.

Name of the author/illustrator: \_\_\_\_\_

What have they written/illustrated?

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Why do you like them?

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What is your favourite thing that they have done and why?

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If you had the chance to meet them, what would you ask them?

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What else would you like to know about them?

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