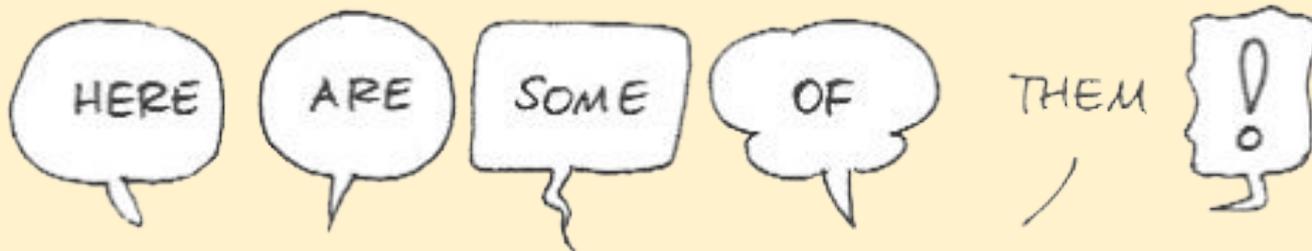


Comic book art - lettering

Words are used in comic books to help tell the story.

There are a number of different sorts of lettering that can be used.



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1. Word balloon:

Used to show words a character says out loud



The order of the balloons can suggest the **dialogue** which takes place or gaps between dialogue

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2. Thought balloon:

Used to show character's thoughts



Thought balloons are less popular than they were in the past. Monologue boxes are used more now...

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3. Monologue box:

A different way of showing thoughts that has become more popular



An **internal monologue** is the words in your head when you think to yourself

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4. Caption/Text box:

Used to set the scene or to narrate the story

Narration is when the storyteller helps to tell the story without a character speaking



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5. Sound effects/emotions:

Words without a balloon which mimic sounds



These often use **visual conventions** to indicate the sound

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6. No lettering:

Not every frame needs lettering to tell a story...



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There is a **style convention** used:

- not too many words in a box
- font: Comic Sans or similar
- use CAPITAL LETTERS always
- use bold or italics very occasionally
- almost always black writing on a white background
- balloons/bubbles have thick black outlining

