



Supports all curriculum areas

# 'Comic Life' – Visual Literacy, Sequential Art

Create your own comics with this exciting software

A number of sessions are available please ring for dates



The *Comic Life* workshop comprises:

**Comic Styles**- Types & examples of comics- their similarities & differences. A brief overview of the elements that make up a comic

**Comic Skills** – Demonstration of the functionality of Comic Life and how to create a simple comic. Working with layout templates, panels, adding backgrounds, clip art & photos, using speech balloons & changing page, panel, text & balloon attributes

**Curriculum Comics** - hands-on session creating comics linked to chosen curriculum theme. Using cartoon clip art, downloaded images, your own photos or a mixture!

**Resources** – Printed comics (Please see attached example)



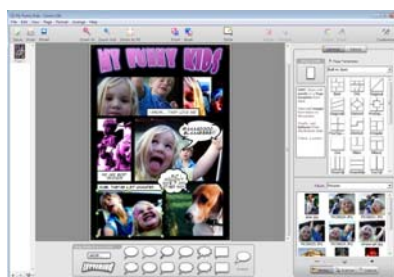
What is a comic? For some it is any image drawn in a cartoony style, for others it is any combination of image and text that can include children's books or flight safety cards. Some consider any sequence of images like cave paintings or Medieval tapestries as comics while others associate comics with humour and fantasy.

Comic Life gives you the possibility of creating your own comics quickly and simply. It comes with a series of prepared page layouts and a vast collection of panels, speech bubbles, captions, lettering and comic style fonts. All these elements have a range of style settings and attributes providing great opportunities for creativity.

This workshop has been designed to support all curriculum areas; each school chooses their own curriculum theme. Prior to attending a workshop you will need to inform the learning lighthouse of your curriculum topic.

This half day workshop is suitable for Key Stage 2 students.

The comic is often overlooked as a genre for reading & writing since they are thought of as recreational reading. Students are immediately drawn in by the opportunity to play with images and language. The space between the comic panels encourages readers to infer, to let their imaginations take over.



Comics can be used to teach character development

And dialogue and conclusions Erik!



Comic Life can be used in all curriculum areas. The learning lighthouse has a collection of cartoon clip art; you can also use your own photographs or download images. As well as linking Comic Life to storytelling why not make comics about global warming, space, MFL, the Egyptians or the rainforest?

To book your class on a free workshop please contact:

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