

Glossary of Comic Terms

This is an ongoing list of common comic terms and definitions aimed at acquainting new comic-makers with the language to communicate about comic books.

Missing Terms

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Panel

an individual frame or drawing in a comic

Punchline

the final part of a joke; the word, sentence, or exchange of sentences that is intended to be funny and provokes laughter from the listeners.

Script

the written document containing the dialogue and action for a drama.

Post-apocalyptic story

the genre of fiction taking place after apocalypse

Thumbnail

a small picture, used as a compact representation of a larger image.

Inking

To write or draw in ink over something that has been written or drawn in pencil.

Pencilling

a sketch made in pencil.

Beat

**(Story) beat (or "beats" for plural usage)*

a short pause in a play, screenplay, or teleplay, for dramatic or comedic effect.

Comic-story

a book or magazine that uses sequences of drawings to tell a story or series of stories primarily in serialized form usually fiction

Caricature

comic effect. a pictorial representation of someone in which distinguishing features are exaggerated for

Joke

A funny story