

comic

1. ['kɒmɪk] *n*

1. 1) (актёр-)комик
- 2) *презр.* клоун, шут гороховый
2. (the comic) комизм; комическое
3. *разг.* кинокомедия
4. юмористический журнал, *особ.* с комиксами

2. ['kɒmɪk] *a*

1. комический, юмористический; смешной, забавный
all this has its comic side - всё это имеет свою комическую /смешную/ сторону
comic paper - газета из комиксов
newspaper's comic page - страница комиксов в газете
2. комедийный
comic opera - комическая опера
3. = comical

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comic [comic comics] *adjective, noun* *BrE* ['kɒmɪk] ^{uk} *NAmE* ['kɑːmɪk] ^{us}

adjective

1. amusing and making you laugh
 - a comic monologue/story
 - The play is both comic and tragic.
 - She can always be relied on to provide **comic relief** (= sth to make you laugh) at a boring party.
 - He wore a red nose and novelty glasses for comic effect.
2. **only before noun** connected with comedy (= entertainment that is funny and that makes people laugh)
 - a comic opera
 - a comic actor
 - Woody Allen is a comic genius.

Word Origin:

late 16th cent.: via Latin from Greek *kōmikos*, from *kōmos* 'revel'.

Synonyms:

funny

amusing • entertaining • witty • humorous • comic • hilarious

These words all describe sb/sth that makes you laugh or smile.

funny • that makes you laugh: ▫ a funny story ◇ ▫ He was a very funny guy.

amusing • funny and enjoyable: ▫ It's a very amusing game to play.

entertaining • amusing and interesting: ▫ It was a very entertaining evening

witty • clever and amusing; able to say or write clever and amusing things: ▫ a witty remark ◇ ▫ a witty public speaker

humorous • funny and entertaining; showing a sense of humour: ▫ a humorous look at the world of fashion

comic • that makes you laugh: ▫ Many of the scenes in the book are richly comic.

hilarious • extremely funny

funny, amusing, humorous or comic?

Amusing is the most general of these words because it includes the idea of being enjoyable as well as making people laugh and can be used to describe events, activities and occasions: ▫ an amusing party/game/evening ◇ a funny/humorous/comic party/game/evening **Humorous** is more about showing that you see the humour in a situation, than actually making people laugh out loud. **Comic** is used especially to talk about writing and drama or things that are funny in a deliberate and theatrical way. It is not used to describe people (except for **comic writers**). **Funny** can describe people, jokes and stories, things that happen, or anything that makes people laugh.

a(n) funny/amusing/entertaining/witty/humorous/comic **story**

a(n) funny/amusing/entertaining/witty/humorous **speech**

a(n) funny/entertaining/witty/humorous/comic **writer**

a(n) funny/amusing/hilarious **joke**

to **find sth** funny/amusing/entertaining/witty/humorous/hilarious

Example Bank:

- a blackly comic futuristic fantasy
- She can always be relied on to provide comic relief at a boring party.
- a very fine comic actor

noun

1. an entertainer who makes people laugh by telling jokes or funny stories

Syn: †comedian

2. (NAmE also 'comic book) a magazine, especially for children, that tells stories through pictures

3. **the comics plural** (NAmE) the section of a newspaper that contains †comic strips

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Culture:

comics and comic strips

A **comic** in the US means a **comic strip** or **strip cartoon**. **Comic strips** are a series of small drawings, called **frames**, with words that tell a story. Most US newspapers contain comic strips that are read by both adults and children. On weekdays they are usually four frames long, printed in black and white. On Sundays they are longer and in colour. Comic strips are also popular in British newspapers. Some can be found on the [↑Internet](#).

Most comic strips make jokes about the characters in them and the things that happen to them. For instance, in the [↑Peanuts](#) strips (1950–2000) many of the jokes are about Charlie [Brown](#), who has very bad luck, and his friend Lucy, who is unkind to him. In [Calvin and Hobbes](#) (1985–1995), the humour comes from the relationship between a boy and his imaginary friend, a toy tiger. Comic strips in British newspapers include [Andy Capp](#) and [The Perishers](#). In the US, [Dilbert](#) is about life in the office while [Doodles](#) comments on political situations through its characters. Most newspapers also print single frames that comment **humorously** on politicians and other people in the news.

In Britain a **comic** is a picture magazine, usually for children. Comics contain short stories written as comic strips, and sometimes also competitions and articles. Some parents do not approve of comics, but others argue that they encourage children to read. Popular children's comics include [↑Beano](#), [↑Dandy](#), and [2000 AD](#), which features mainly **science fiction** stories.

Comics for very young children are often based on popular television programmes, such as [Thomas and Friends](#) (which features [Thomas the Tank Engine](#)) and [↑Bob the Builder](#). Adult comics, such as [Viz](#), are usually very rude.

Some of the characters in [Beano](#) and [Dandy](#) have not changed much over the years and now look old-fashioned. Teachers, for instance, still wear mortar boards (= stiff black hats with a square top), though real teachers stopped wearing them long ago. Many of the most popular comics appear in the form of books, called **annuals**, around Christmas each year.

Comic books are similar to comics. Each book has a set of characters who have adventures. Many of the characters, such as [↑Spider-Man](#), [Superman](#) and [Wonder Woman](#), have powers that ordinary people do not have.

Pictures of the most famous characters from comic strips and comic books are used on a range of products, for example they are printed on bed covers, T-shirts, lunch boxes and birthday cards.

Example Bank:

- a comic book superhero

comic

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I. **com**ɪc¹ /'kɒmɪk \$ 'kɑː- BrE^ˈ AmE^ˈ adjective

[Date: 1500-1600; Language: Latin; Origin: comicus, from Greek, from komos; ⇒ [↑comedy](#)]

amusing you and making you want to laugh **OPP** tragic:

• a comic novel

comic writer/actress/performer etc (=someone who writes or performs things that make you laugh)

comic relief (=a situation in a serious story that makes you relax a little because it is funny)

• The song provides some **comic relief** from the intensity of the scene.

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- **funny** making you laugh: John told me a really funny joke. | She's very talented and funny.
- **amusing** *especially written* funny and enjoyable. **Amusing** is more formal than **funny**. It is often used when something is a little funny and makes you smile, rather than laugh: an amusing anecdote | He [found](#) the whole incident rather [amusing](#).
- **humorous** intended to be funny – used about stories, films, articles etc that have situations that are a little funny: humorous stories | The movie is meant to be humorous.
- **witty** using words in a funny and clever way: witty remarks | How witty!
- **hilarious** /hɪ'leəriəs \$ '-ler-/ (also **hysterical informal**) extremely funny: The children thought it was hilarious. | The movie has some hilarious scenes. | It was hysterical! You should have seen his face!
- **comical** funny in a strange or silly way – often used when something is not intended to be funny: It was quite comical watching him trying to dance. | her own comical attempts at painting
- **comic** [only before noun] a comic film, play, novel etc is intended to be funny: a comic drama
- **light-hearted** done for amusement or enjoyment, and not intended to be serious: The programme is a light-hearted look at recent political events.
- **comedy** *noun* [countable] a film, play, or television programme that is intended to be funny: a comedy by Shakespeare | She has appeared in several television comedies. | a new comedy series on Channel 4

II. **com**ɪc² BrE^ˈ AmE^ˈ noun [countable]

1. (also **'comic book**) a magazine for children that tells a story using comic strips

2. someone whose job is to tell jokes and make people laugh **SYN** comedian :

• a **stand-up comic**

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