

How to Read a Comic

Caption boxes fill in time and place.

Across Town

When a balloon does not lead to a person, that means he or she is outside the frame.

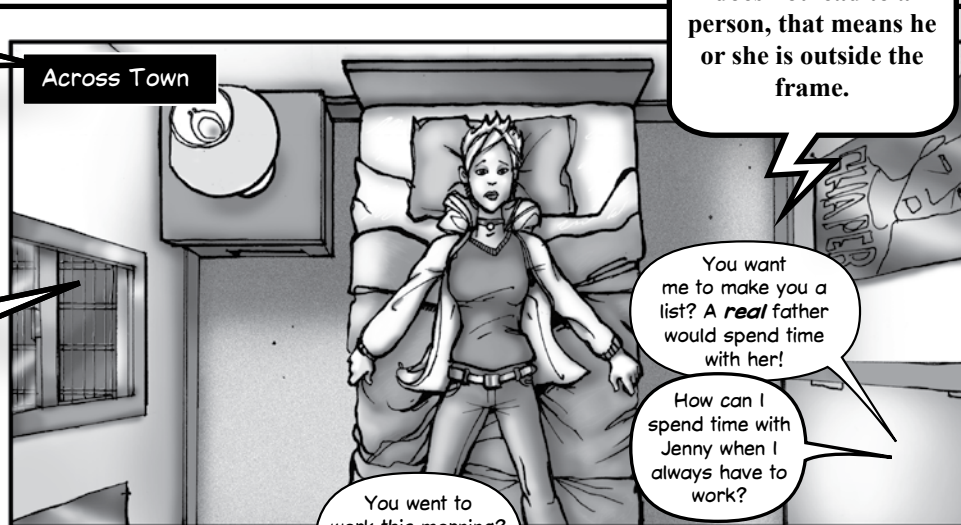
The story is divided into frames that proceed from top to bottom and left to right: How many frames are on this page?

In a comic book, talk balloons replace quote marks.

When talk balloons are divided into two or three sections, that tells the reader to pause between balloons.

A "burst" is a jagged talk balloon. It means that the speaker is mad or stressed out.

Comics create drama by changing the perspective. What effect is created by looking up at the fire escape from below?

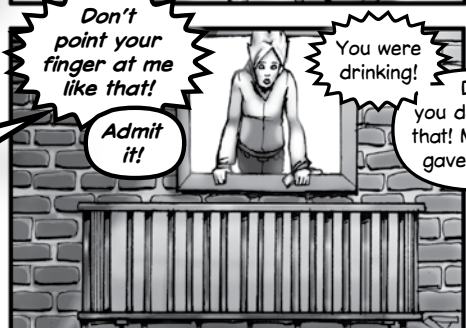
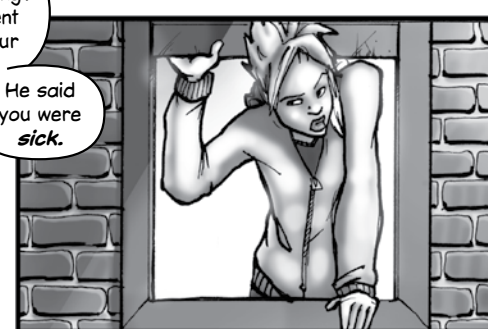
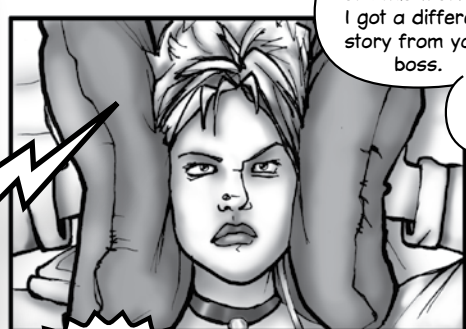


You want me to make you a list? A *real* father would spend time with her!

How can I spend time with Jenny when I always have to work?

You went to work this morning? I got a different story from your boss.

He said you were *sick*.



Don't point your finger at me like that!

Admit it!

You were drinking!

Don't you dare break that! My mother gave me that!

CRASH!

