



CARTOON STUDIES

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CARTOONS

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K A cartoon is usually a humorous drawn picture of a situation, well-known personality or story.

K Cartoons are used to express ideas or to draw attention to a situation or a well-known personality.

K They often highlight a current social or political issue.



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"Society is forcing us to grow up too soon. I didn't plan on becoming a train wreck until my mid 20s."

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Kids, if you don't
work hard this year,
you will end up failing...



And
☆\$#@!
killing
you!



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THE TIMES

IN THE
NEWS:

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THE MOST DANGEROUS IN THE WORLD.

Analysing Cartoons

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WHEN STUDYING CARTOONS LOOK AT:

- B **Characters:** Are they stereotypes or caricatures?
- B **Background & Setting:** Where & when is the scene taking place?
- B **Language:** Is formal /informal register used? How are the sentences structured?
- B **Punctuation:** Used to portray emotions.
- B **Actions:** Look at facial expressions and symbols or lines used to portray movement/emotion.
- B **Objectives:** Is the aim to inform, educate or entertain?

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Teacher appears tired
and hopeless by:

- lines under eyes
- half-opened eyes

Issue – Ground
reformation process
in Zimbabwe

OLD MCDONALD
HAD A FARM.
UM... THAT'S ALL.

Teacher is caricatured by
her glasses and neat dress.

Learner's innocence is
portrayed with wide open
eyes and cute hairstyle.

Setting indicated by:

- School desk & board
- Caption refers to class & Harare

"NURSERY RHYME DAY" IN MRS. TABANST'S CLASS
IN DOWNTOWN HARARE, ZIMBABWE.

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Analysing Cartoons

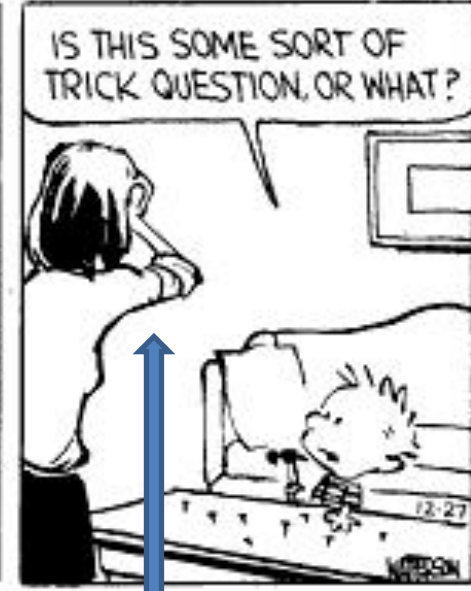
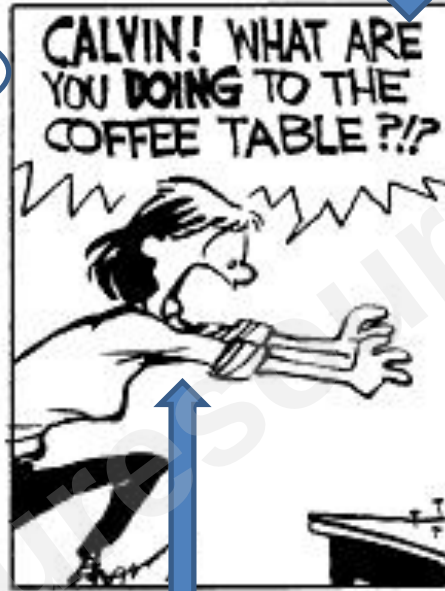
- K A cartoon can be a single frame or consists of a series of frames.
- K Movement is indicated by vertical, curved and diagonal lines.
- K Speedy action is indicated by streaky lines or the action leaving the frame.
- K Fonts are also changed for emphasis.



Words in
bold = loud

Jagged speech bubble,
bold print and
question/exclamation
marks indicate
shouting.

The asterisk indicates
confusion or a
thought process.

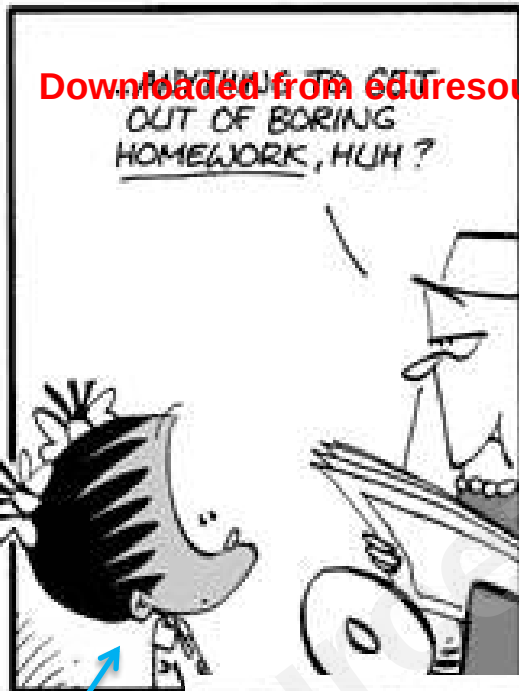


Smile =
happy

Mom is hysterical:
wide open eyes and
mouth.

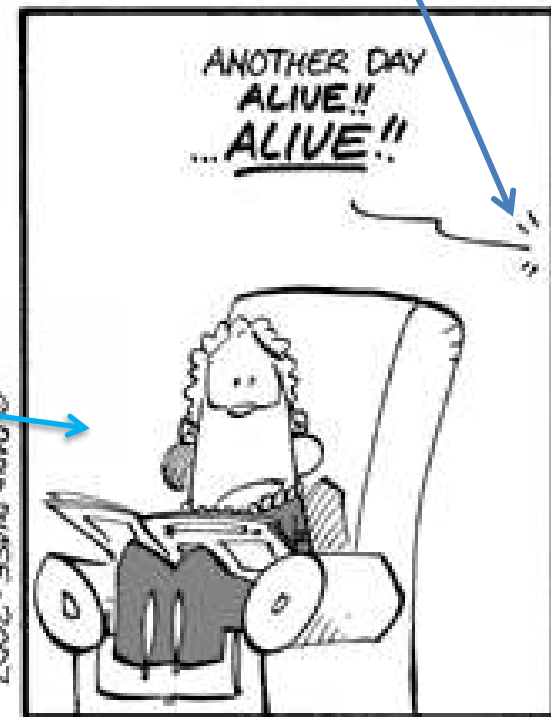
Blank
expression
emphasises
confusion.

Hands on
head =
despair!



Shows she
has moved
away

Emotions?
Evidence?



Commenting on Cartoons

- K All answers should be substantiated with close reference to the cartoon.
- K Pay careful attention to the body language of the characters and refer to visible features.
- K Remember that cartoons make use of puns, satire, sarcasm and irony that need to be explained by referring to the cartoon.

Caricature

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- 1 This is a drawing in which a person or action is shown with exaggerated features.
- 1 Features are exaggerated to help with identification or to ridicule.



Stereotype

- 1 This is a fixed, exaggerated and preconceived description of a specific type of person, group or nation.
- 1 For example, the Italians are said to be emotional and the British cold.



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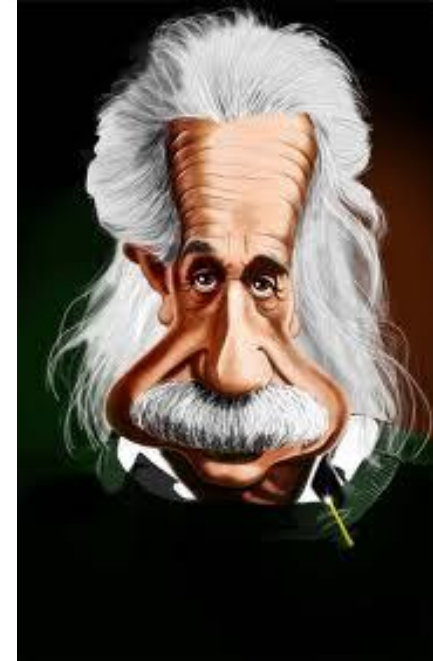


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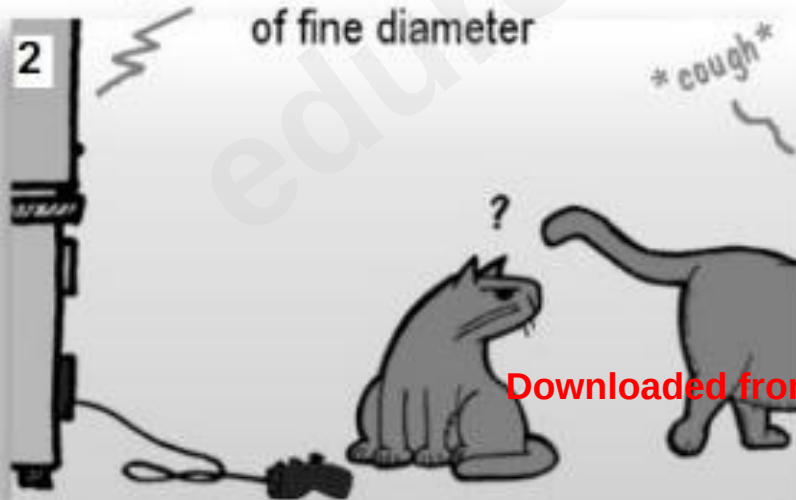
The adventures of EBEN AND SNOOCH

By J. Grant and Mel Hynes

Acupuncture, the art of embedding
tiny needles under the skin, has long
been used to promote health.



Most modern acupuncturists use sterilized,
disposable stainless steel needles
of fine diameter



Snooch, she will turn you
into a rug. SCIENCE!



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Hi, Joe's Plumbing? Me again.
I tried your advice but I ran into
trouble with the drain snake.

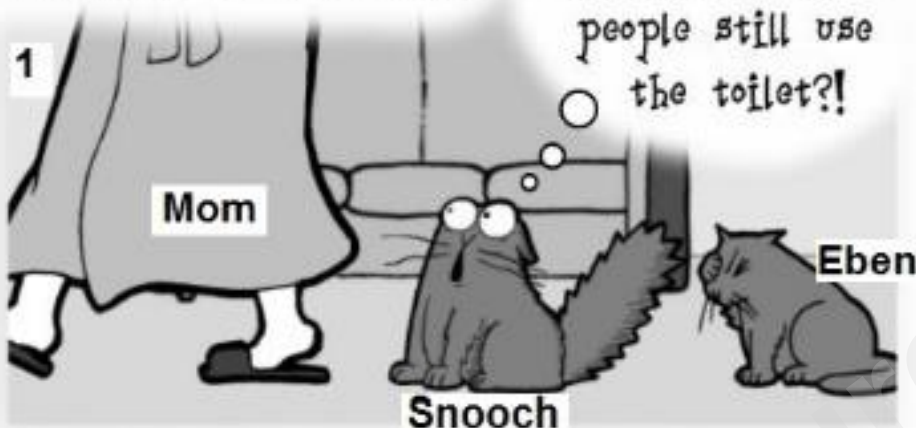
THERE ARE
SNAKES IN THE
DRAINS? And
people still use
the toilet?!

It's not a living snake, Roto-Rathead.

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It's... not?

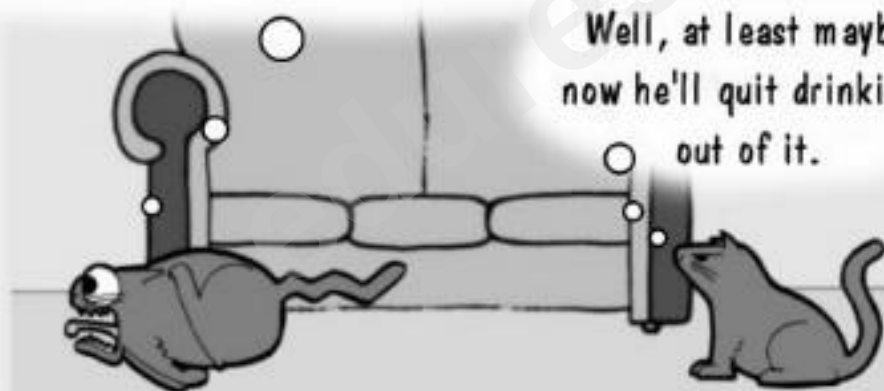
No. It's a long metal thing with
big spiky teeth on the end, and-



AAAAHHH! ROBOT VAMPIRE
SNAKE FROM HELL!!

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Well, at least maybe
now he'll quit drinking
out of it.





FEED ME,
SEE MORE!!



ESKOM

LITTLE FLOP & HORRORS



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