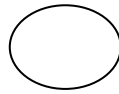
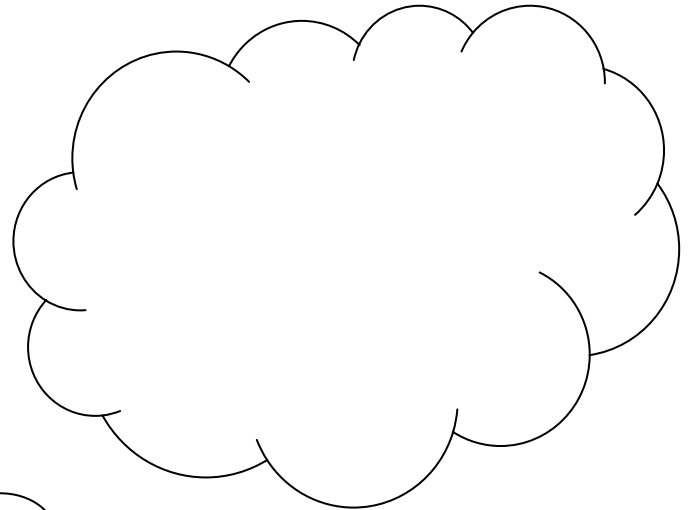
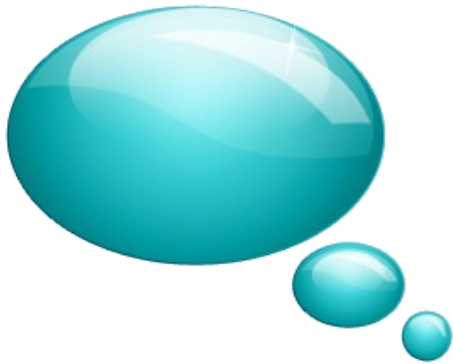


Thought Bubbles

Thought bubbles usually have a series of small bubbles leading to a larger “thought” – somewhat like a cloud, and tell us what the characters are thinking.



Speech Balloons

Speech balloons usually have some sort of tapered line or shape, called a *pointer*, that leads from the speech bubble to the character who is saying the words.

I am so
scared!

There is a
ransom on my
teddy bear.

The cowboys lost their
horses during the storm.

← pointer

I think it is pretty cool how
the font matches what the
people are saying in the
speech balloons that are
floating above my head.



Splash Balloon

Often referred to as **splash balloons**, these are those dramatic, jagged shapes that you would see enclosing words like “Pow!” or “Yikes!” – or they sometimes include the title of a comic.



Gutters and Bleeds

A **gutter** is the extra space in a comic strip between panels. There are typically no other drawings in these spaces, which are usually just narrow strips between the panels. Some artists **bleed**, or carry over pictures or words, in the gutter space.

