A free comic maker for kids with no sign-up

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Peabody's Comic Studio: pick 3, 4 or 6 panels, draw with a finger, add a friend and pick the words. No account, nothing typed, kept on your device.

Peabody's Comic Studio is a comic maker that runs in the browser with no account, no email and nothing to install. A child picks a layout, draws in each panel with a finger or a mouse, adds one of Peabody's characters, and picks the words from a list. Nothing is typed, and the comic stays on the device it was made on. Peabody is free through the end of 2026, and the studio is part of it.

Most online comic makers ask for a sign-in before a child can save, and some put free comics on a public page. We wanted one a seven-year-old could open and use straight away, where the finished page goes to the printer or the family's own photos, and nowhere else.

How a page is made

A comic can have up to six pages. Each page starts with one question: how many panels?

- 3 in a row, like a newspaper strip.
- 4 big panels, two on top and two below: a beginning, two middles and an end.
- 6 panels, two across and three down, like a page from a graphic novel.

Then the child taps a panel and picks what to add. There are five buttons: Draw, A friend, Words, A box and A sound.

Draw has six colours and two pen sizes, thin and thick. Undo takes back the last line. "Empty this panel" clears it, and asks once more before it does. A panel holds a lot of drawing, and when it is full the studio says so and suggests the next panel.

A friend puts one of Peabody's own characters in the panel: Hoot, Twinkle, Wiggle, Sunny or Whirl. They come three at a time, with a button for more. Each one has six faces (happy, talking, thinking, cheering, sleepy and sad) and can stand on the left, in the middle or on the right. There are no characters from films, shows or other books, so nothing in the studio belongs to anyone else.

Words without typing

This is the part we thought about most. A child never types in the Comic Studio. Every word comes from one of three lists Peabody wrote:

- What it is: Speech bubbles · How many: 70 · Some of them: "Guess what?", "I have an idea!", "That was close!", "To be continued!"
- What it is: Boxes that set the scene · How many: 20 · Some of them: "Once upon a time...", "Meanwhile...", "Up in space...", "The end."

- What it is: Sound words · How many: 20 · Some of them: BOOM!, SPLASH!, ACHOO!, SNORE!

The studio shows three choices at a time, and "Other words" shows three more. A panel can hold one bubble, one box and one sound. When a child picks a word, Peabody says it aloud, so a child who can't read every word yet can still choose.

The lists are kind on purpose. There are no names, no brands, and nothing two taps could turn into an insult. Because nothing is typed, there is nothing for us to check, and nothing a child could put in a comic that a grown-up would need to catch.

The button reads the whole page aloud, panel by panel: the box, then the bubble, then the sound. Children like hearing their own comic read back to them, and it is a good way to notice a panel that needs a word.

Print it or save a picture

When a page is done, there are two ways to keep it.

- Print my comic prints every page, each with a line at the top that says "by" and a space for the child to write their name with a pencil.
- Save a picture downloads one page as a picture file, made on the device by the browser's own download. It can go in the family's photos or be sent to a grandparent by whoever holds the phone.

"Start over" clears the whole comic, again with a second tap to make sure.

Kept on this device

The comic is saved in this browser only. There is no gallery, no share link and no upload. If you clear the browser's data, the comic goes with it, so print the pages your child wants to keep. A comic made on a tablet won't appear on the laptop.

If your child would rather draw on paper, the same three layouts and four more are in our printable comic templates. And a comic made in the studio ticks a square on the comics reading challenge by itself.

Some starts that work

- Three panels, one joke. Who is there, what happens, the surprise.
- A sleepy story. Pick the sleepy face, then "Good night!", then SNORE!
- A mystery. "Who's there?", "Follow the clues.", "It's a mystery!"
- Draw first, words last. Bubbles go in after the drawing, so they don't cover a face.

Questions grown-ups ask

Does my child need an account to use the comic maker?

No. The Comic Studio opens without a sign-in, an email or an app. Nothing a child makes is sent to Peabody; the comic is kept in the browser on that device.

Can my child type their own words?

No. Every word is picked from Peabody's lists: 70 speech bubbles, 20 scene boxes and 20 sound words, shown three at a time and read aloud. That is why a child can use it on their own.

How do we keep a comic?

Print it, or tap "Save a picture" to download a page as a picture. Clearing the browser's data clears the comic, so print the ones worth keeping.

Peabody (peabody.kids) is free through the end of 2026. Alongside the comics there is a library of stories for every reader, from first books up.

Free at peabody.kids/blog/free-comic-maker-for-kids