THE PHOENIX COMIC CLUB

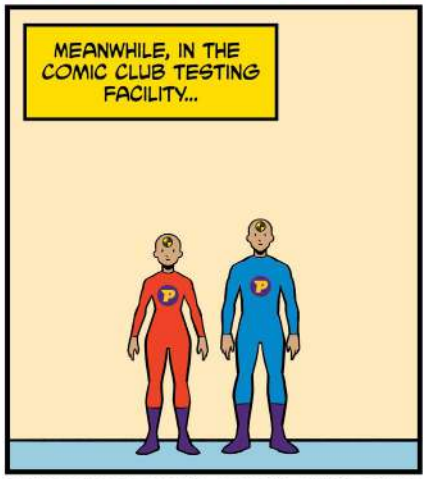
HOW TO PLACE SPEECH BUBBLES



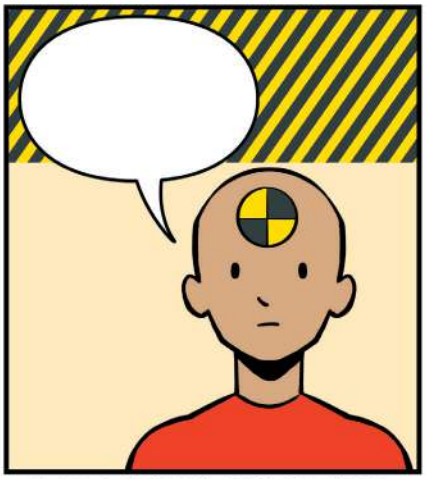
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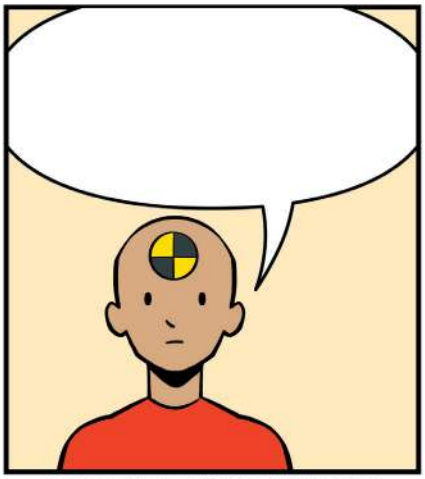
PANELS WITH SINGLE CHARACTERS



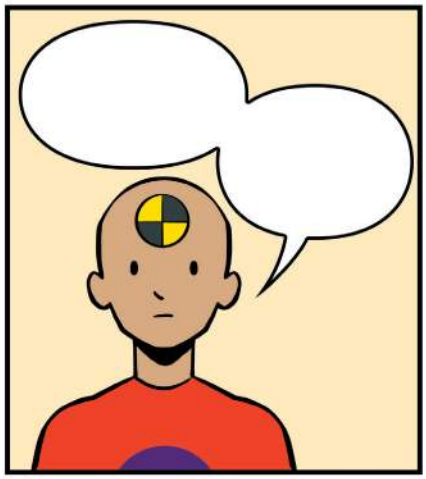
1. FIRSTLY, ***SET THE SCENE,*** BY PLACING A ***YELLOW CAPTION BOX*** IN THE TOP LEFT CORNER OF YOUR FIRST PANEL AND TELL US WHERE WE ARE.



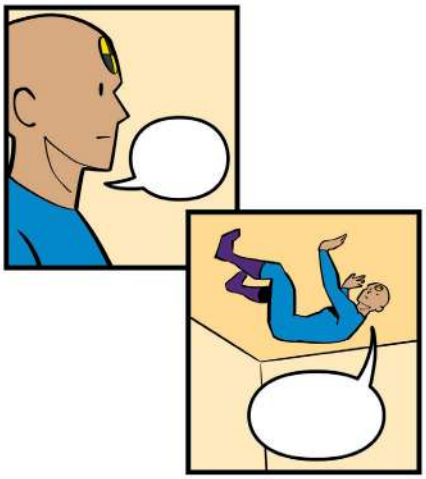
2. AS A GENERAL RULE OF THUMB, LEAVE THE ***TOP 1/3*** OF YOUR PANELS EMPTY, SO YOU HAVE SOMEWHERE TO PLACE YOUR SPEECH BUBBLES.



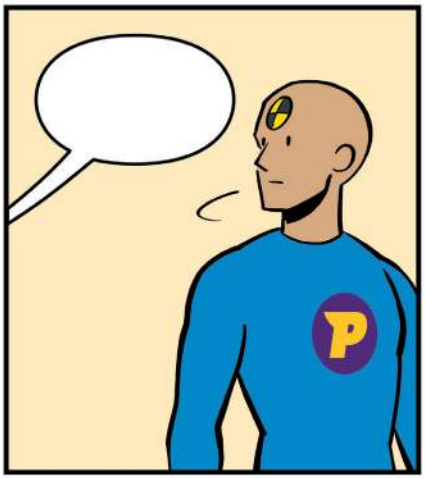
3. IF YOU'RE FINDING IT HARD TO FIT YOUR SPEECH BUBBLE IN YOUR PANEL, CROP IT TO THE ***PANEL EDGE*** TO GIVE YOU MORE ROOM.



4. SOMETIMES ***MERGING*** TWO SPEECH BUBBLES TOGETHER IS A GOOD WAY TO FIT MORE TEXT INTO YOUR PANEL.

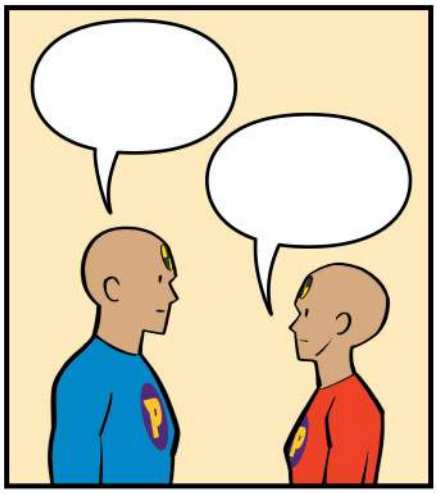


5. BUT YOU DON'T ALWAYS HAVE TO PLACE YOUR SPEECH BUBBLES AT THE TOP OF A PANEL. JUST MAKE SURE TO LEAVE AN ***EMPTY AREA*** SOMEWHERE.

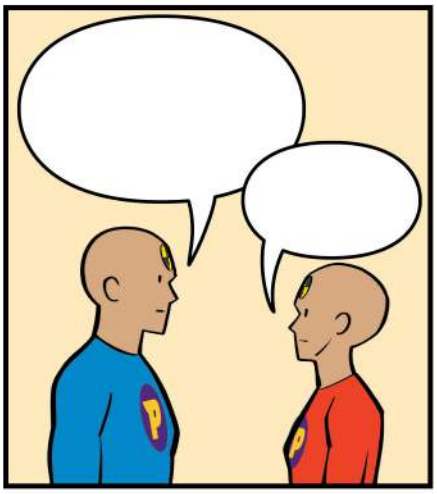


6. IF YOU'VE GOT A CHARACTER ***SPEAKING OFF-PANEL,*** SIMPLY HAVE THEIR SPEECH BUBBLE TAIL COMING FROM OFF-PANEL.

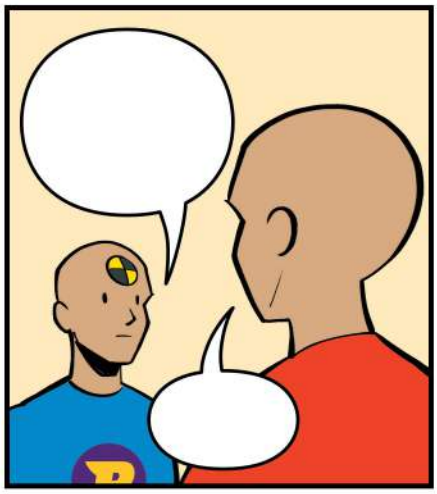
PANELS WITH MULTIPLE CHARACTERS



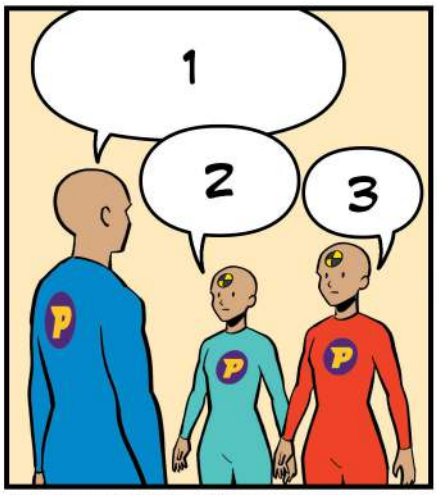
7. WHEN YOU HAVE ***TWO CHARACTERS*** IN A PANEL, IT'S BEST TO HAVE THE FIRST PERSON TALKING ON THE LEFT OF THE PANEL.



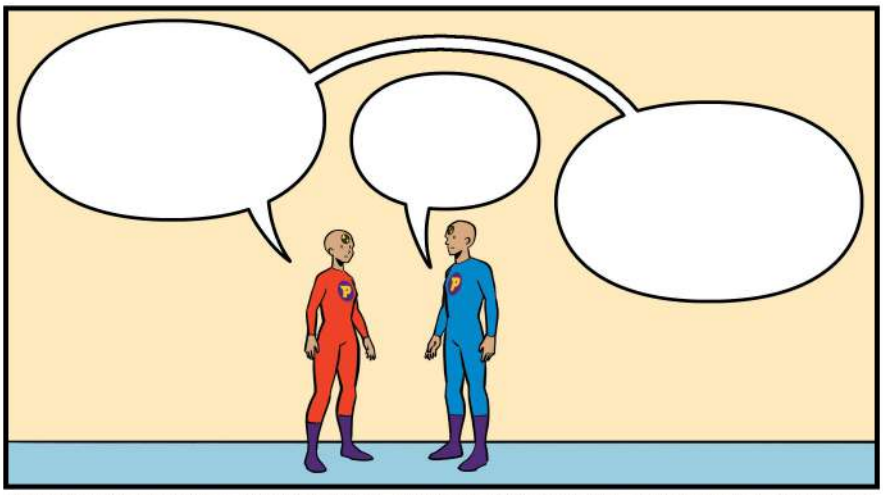
8. IF YOU'RE STRUGGLING FOR SPACE, SPEECH BUBBLES CAN ***GENTLY OVERLAP*** LIKE THIS, WITH THE SECOND BUBBLE ON TOP OF THE FIRST.



9. SPEECH BUBBLES CAN BE PLACED LOWER DOWN IN A PANEL AND OVER ARTWORK, BUT MAKE SURE YOU'RE NOT HIDING ANYTHING ***IMPORTANT.***



10. IF YOU HAVE ***THREE CHARACTERS*** IN A PANEL, THINK CAREFULLY ABOUT SPEECH BUBBLE PLACEMENT TO MAKE THINGS EASY TO READ.

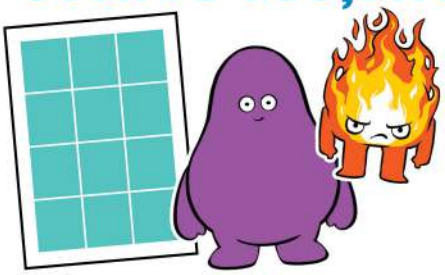


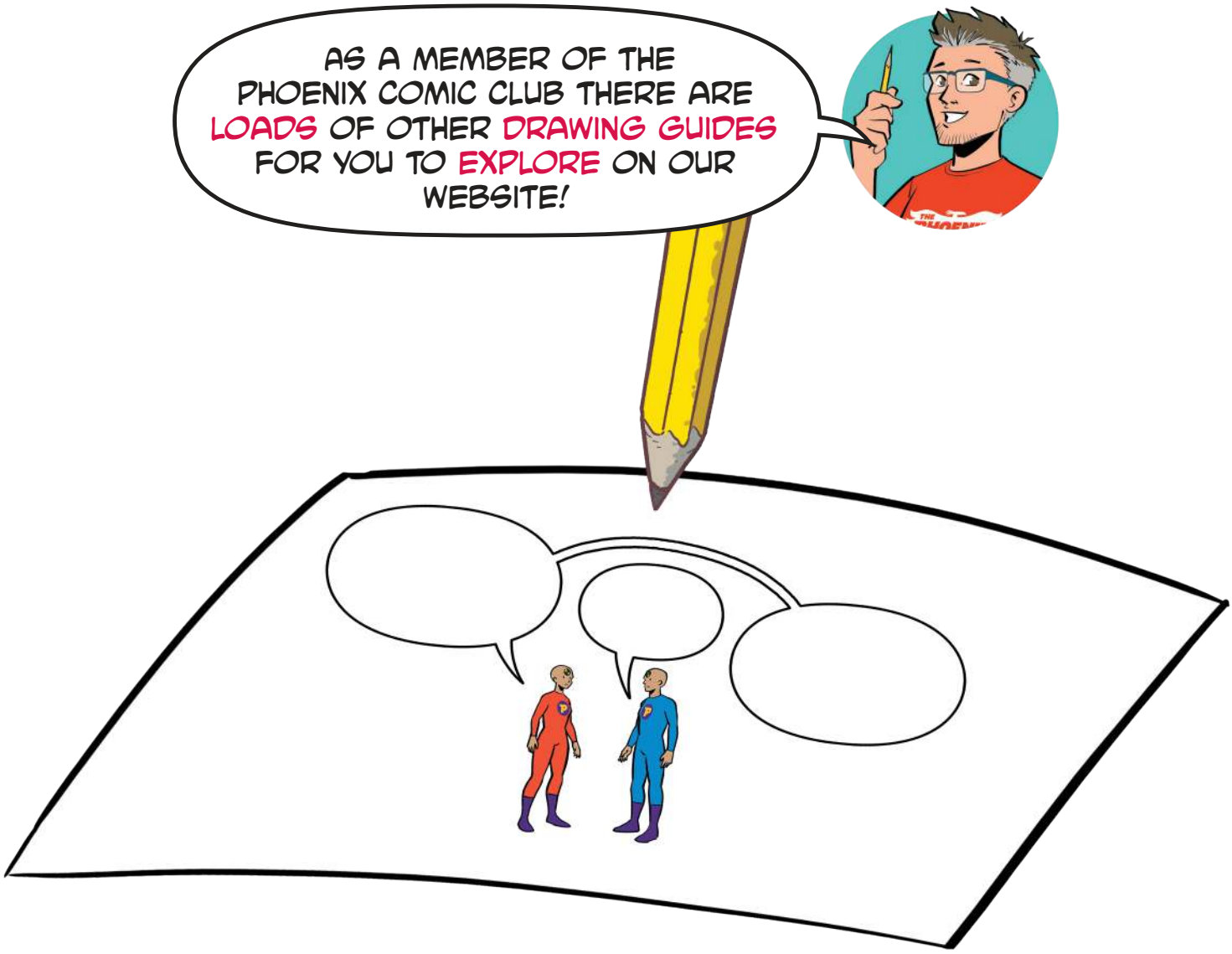
11. IF YOU'VE GOT A LARGER PANEL WITH THE CHARACTER ON THE LEFT SPEAKING TWICE, YOU CAN USE A ***SPEECH BUBBLE CONNECTOR*** TO BRIDGE TWO BUBBLES TOGETHER. YOU CAN THEN PLACE A BUBBLE FROM ANOTHER CHARACTER IN BETWEEN THE TWO YOU'VE JUST JOINED.

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