cartoon Apresyan (En-Ru)

- **1.** [ka:'tu:n] *n*
 - 1. карикатура; рисунок комического или сатирического содержания
 - 2. амер. комикс
 - 3. жив. картон (этюд для фрески и т. п.)
 - 4. кино мультипликация (тж. animated cartoon)
 - 5. вчт. распечатка в виде графического изображения
- 2. [ka:'tu:n] *v*
 - 1. рисовать карикатуры *и пр.* [см. cartoon I]
 - 2. изображать в карикатурном виде (на рисунке); рисовать шарж (на кого-л.)

cartoon

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car-toon [cartoon cartoons] BrE [ka = tu] n NAmE [ka = r tu] n noun

1. an amusing drawing in a newspaper or magazine, especially one about politics or events in the news

- 2. = ↑comic strip
- **3.** (also **,animated car'toon**) a film/movie made by photographing a series of gradually changing drawings or models, so that they look as if they are moving
 - a Walt Disney cartoon
 - a cartoon character
- 4. (technical) a drawing made by an artist as a preparation for a painting

Word Origin:

late 16th cent. (in sense 4): from Italian cartone, from carta, from Latin carta, charta, from Greek khartēs 'papyrus leaf'. Sense 1 dates from the mid 19th cent.

Culture:

comics and comic strips

A *comic* in the US means a *comic strip* or *strip cartoon*. *Comic strips* are a series of small drawings, called *frames*, with words that tell a story. Most US newspapers contain comic strips that are read by both adults and children. On weekdays they are usually four frames long, printed in black and white. On Sundays they are longer and in colour. Comic strips are also popular in British newspapers. Some can be found on the †Internet.

Most comic strips make jokes about the characters in them and the things that happen to them. For instance, in the ¹Peanuts strips (1950–2000) many of the jokes are about Charlie Brown, who has very bad luck, and his friend Lucy, who is unkind to him. In Calvin and Hobbes (1985–1995), the humour comes from the relationship between a boy and his imaginary friend, a toy tiger. Comic strips in British newspapers include Andy Capp and The Perishers. In the US, Dilbert is about life in the office while Doonesbury comments on political situations through its characters. Most newspapers also print single frames that comment humorously on politicians and other people in the news.

In Britain a *comic* is a picture magazine, usually for children. Comics contain short stories written as comic strips, and sometimes also competitions and articles. Some parents do not approve of comics, but others argue that they encourage children to read. Popular children's comics include †Beano, †Dandy, and 2000 AD, which features mainly **science fiction** stories. Comics for very young children are often based on popular television programmes, such as Thomas and Friends (which features

Thomas the Tank Engine) and †Bob the Builder. Adult comics, such as Viz, are usually very rude.

Some of the characters in Beano and Dandy have not changed much over the years and now look old-fashioned. Teachers, for instance, still wear mortar boards (= stiff black hats with a square top), though real teachers stopped wearing them long ago. Many of the most popular comics appear in the form of books, called **annuals**, around Christmas each year.

Comic books are similar to comics. Each book has a set of characters who have adventures. Many of the characters, such as †Spider-Man, Superman and Wonder Woman, have powers that ordinary people do not have.

Pictures of the most famous characters from comic strips and comic books are used on a range of products, for example they are printed on bed covers, T-shirts, lunch boxes and birthday cards.

Example Bank:

- He draws strip cartoons for 'The Guardian'.
- The kids spend their Saturdays watching cartoons.
- He started drawing cartoons when he was still at school.
- The funniest contributions to the magazine are the cartoons.
- a full-length Disney cartoon
- · a political cartoon
- · a strip cartoon

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[Date: 1500-1600, Language: Italian; Origin: cartone 'pasteboard, cartoon', from carta; \Rightarrow †card¹]

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Date. 1300-1000, Language. Italian, Origin. Cartone pasteboard, Carton, Itolii Carta,

- 1. a short film that is made by photographing a series of drawings:
 - cartoon characters such as Donald Duck
- 2. a funny drawing in a newspaper or magazine, especially about politicians or events in the news
- 3. (also cartoon strip) a set of drawings that tell a funny story, especially in a newspaper or magazine SYN comic strip
- 4. technical a drawing that an artist does before starting to do a painting

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