Based on Adventures in Cartooning: How to Turn Your Doodles into Comics, by James Sturm, Andrew Arnold, and Alexis Frederick-Frost
Can you make these shapes into faces?

Add eyes, nose, and a mouth to each one.

Can you make a robot or a monster?
Now, let's draw a full character!

Choose your favorite face and draw it on this page!

Add a shape to the face for the body.

Then some arms...

Finally some legs.

You've drawn a character to go on an adventure with...
These are panels! They are used to portray action taking place over time!

Hi

The knight wants to talk to your character! Draw them talking to each other!

And check it out: A word balloon! This lets you know the knight is talking!
Draw two of your characters talking.
This is Edward. Wavy balloons like this mean he is thinking!

Edward is always hungry. I wonder what he is thinking about?

Edward's Favorite Foods:
- Ice cream
- Candy
- Hamburger
- Strawberries
What’s your character thinking of?
Now, draw an adventure for your character.

See if you can include speech balloons, thought bubbles, and backgrounds!
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No, Edward! It's not the kind of Sardine you eat!

It's the kind you read!
Can you draw simple things like trees, fish, and candy?

Sure, that looks easy!

Then you can be a cartoonist!!
This book will help show you how!!!