

IT'S IN THE DETAILS!



Take time to draw and write the details of your character's world! What is their bedroom like? Do they share it with a sibling? Is it messy?

What's their favorite kind of weather? Do they have more than one place they call home? What do they do after school? Who do they play with? *Write below!*



You can take ideas from people you know, or on your own life. Also try asking for help from someone you know! It's fun to share stories.



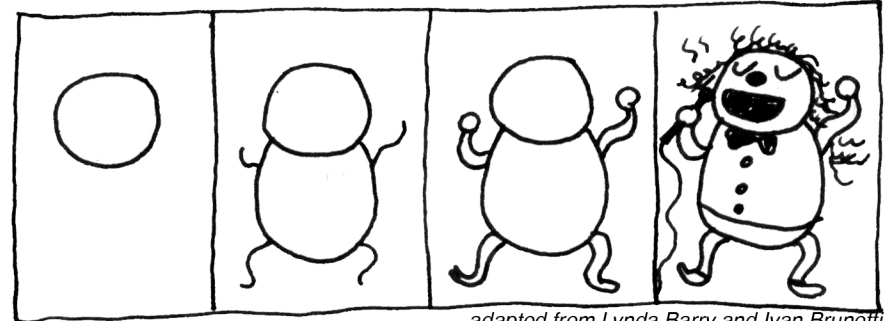
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HOW TO MAKE A CHARACTER



(AND START A STORY)
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When I'm making a story I always **start with a character**. When you're making a character it's important that you like them and have fun drawing them over and over. But it can be hard to get started! Here's an easy way that to draw characters:



adapted from Lynda Barry and Ivan Brunetti

STEP 1:
start with a circle for the head

STEP 2:
draw a bean body with noodle arms + legs

STEP 3:
double the arms and add snowballs for the hands

STEP 4:
add an expression and some accessories

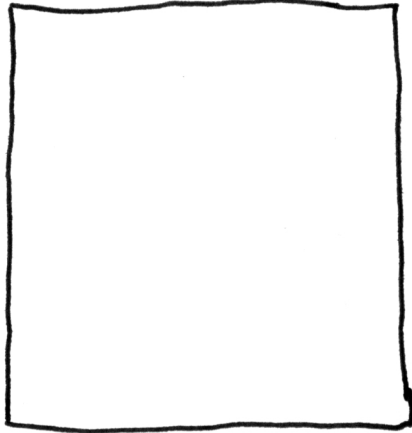
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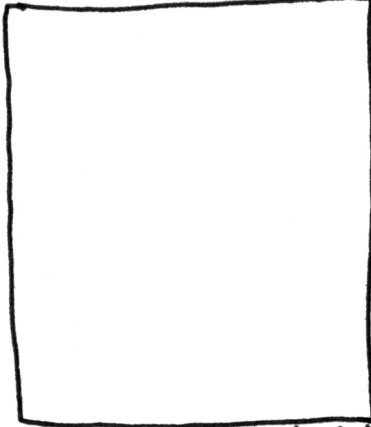


my character's name: _____

draw them from the front



and the back:



(don't forget the butt)



What are some strong emotions your character feels?

Draw them below:



Why are they feeling those emotions? What happened?

MAYBE they lost the class pet they were supposed to take care of.

.... they were going to make their grandma cookies for her birthday but they ate them all instead.

... they were visited by a ghost.

Write some ideas below:

_____ was feeling _____

because _____

ADD SOME MORE CHARACTERS:

(it could be a teacher, a friend, a bully, a cousin, a neighbor)

try drawing them!

