

Different word balloons

There are lots of different types of word balloon you can use

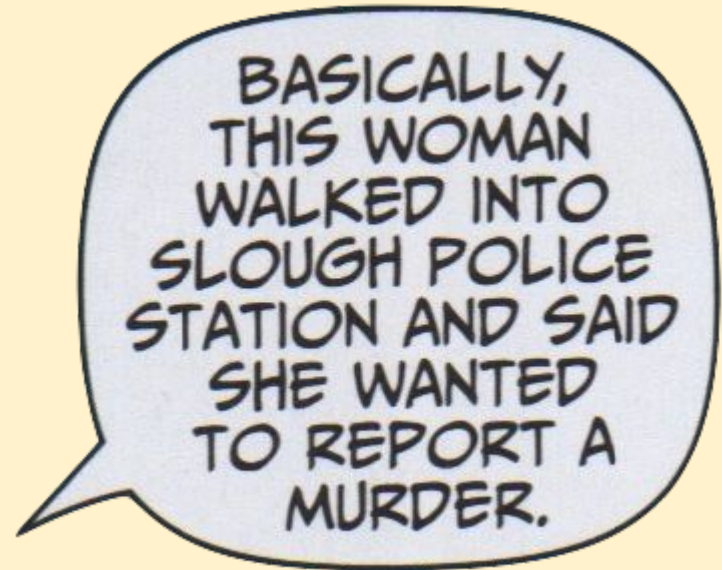
But they all use the basic rules:

- capital letters
- centred text
- handwritten font
- black writing on a white background
- black border
- tail to indicate who's speaking

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1. Basic word balloon

There's nothing fancy here -
it's just a standard word
balloon



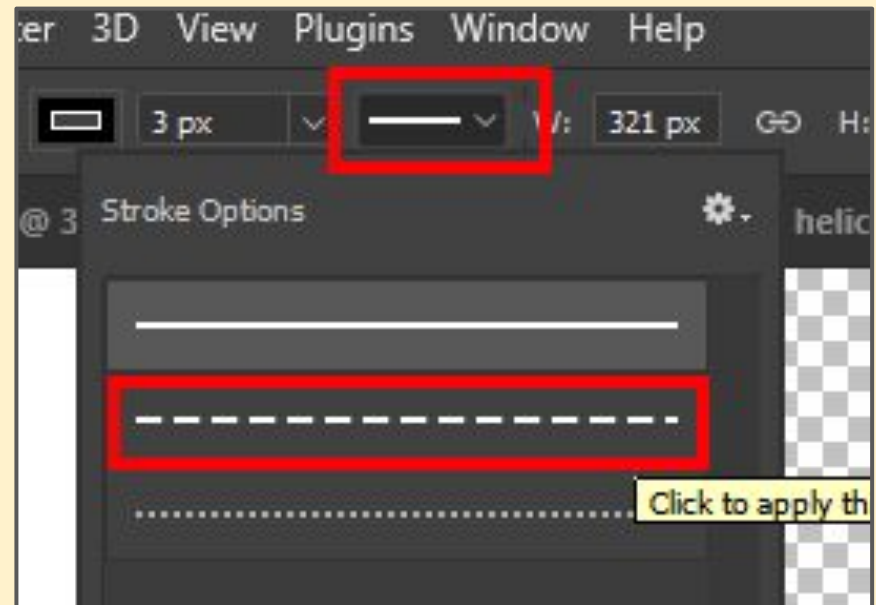
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2. Whisper balloon

Dotted border - usually quite thin

Sometimes text is smaller

Use the line style setting at the top when on the ellipse layer



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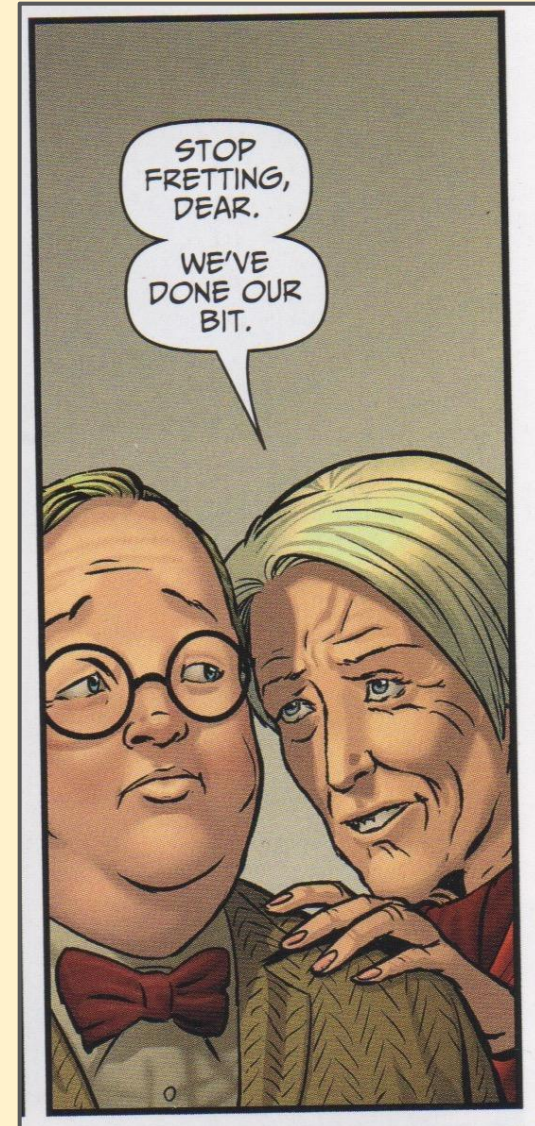
3. Joined balloons

Used to split up dialogue into smaller chunks

And sometimes to emphasise one part

Create **two** text boxes and then **two** ellipses which overlap and then the **tail**

Then **merge shapes**

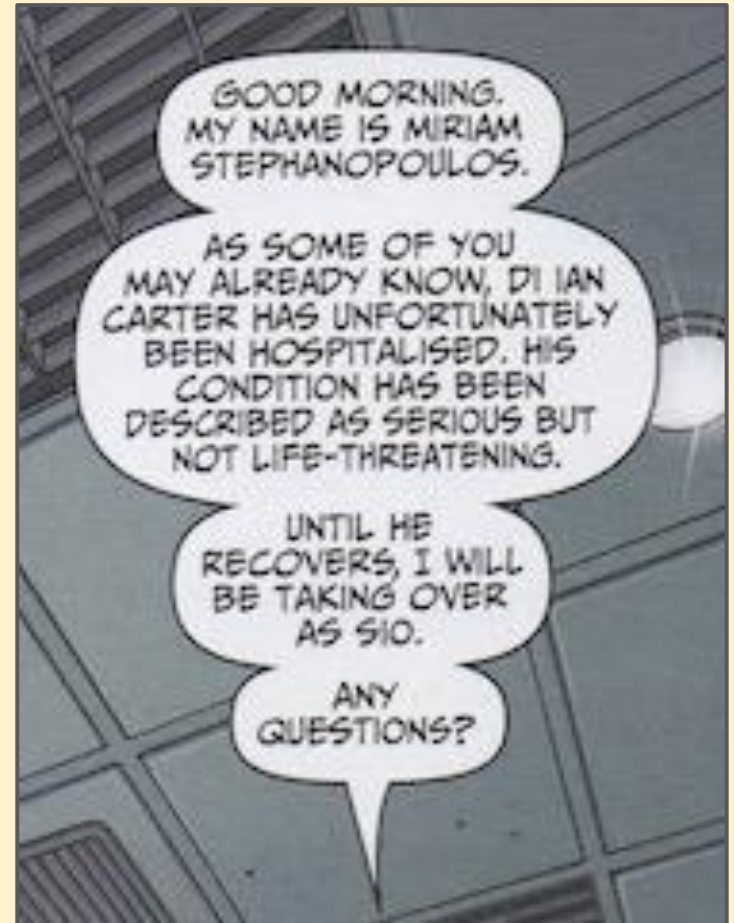


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3. Joined balloons

This shows a more complex set of joined balloons

The set shows how the speaker will pause slightly between each part of the speech



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4. Linked balloons

A solid, white block joins two or more balloons

Used to show a conversation developing between two characters

Or to show a pause

Each uses a separate text box and ellipse. See next slide for how to join



In this example the male character uses a set of linked balloons to split their dialogue with the female's reply

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4. Linked balloons

Use the **Pen Tool** to draw a long, thin rectangle - you **click at each point** rather than drag it out

Make sure to join up with the start point

Then **merge shapes**

You could try the Curvature Pen Tool to get a curved join, but it's more difficult to use

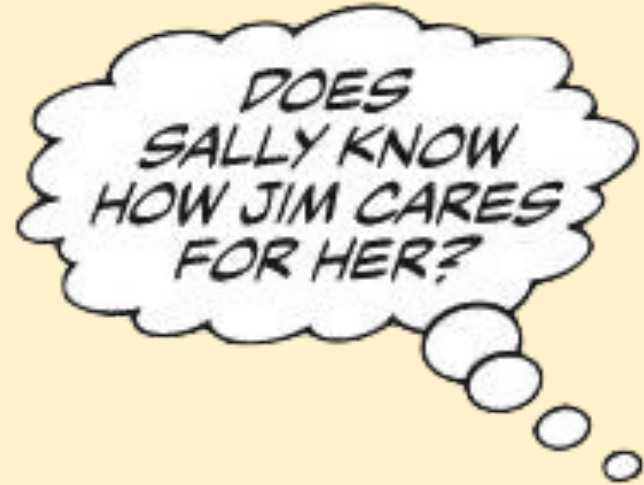


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5. Thought balloon

Can be made by creating lots of ellipses and then merging the shapes to create one balloon

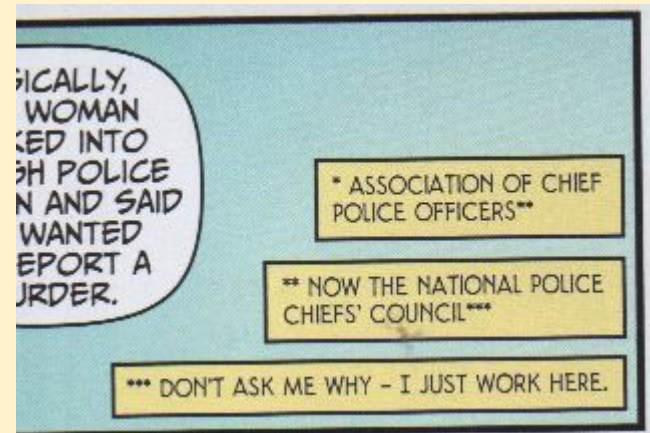
Or use a shape that's been created in other software or downloaded



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Don't forget about **captions** and **narration boxes** as well

These usually use **left aligned text** rather than text being centred



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Things to do:

1. Make sure you can create and use panels
2. Make sure you're confident using basic word balloons (slide 2)
3. Try using joined balloons (slides 4 & 5)
4. Then try linked balloons (slides 6 & 7)
5. Make sure you can handle captions and narrations - try using colour with these
6. Try whisper balloons and thought balloons

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