

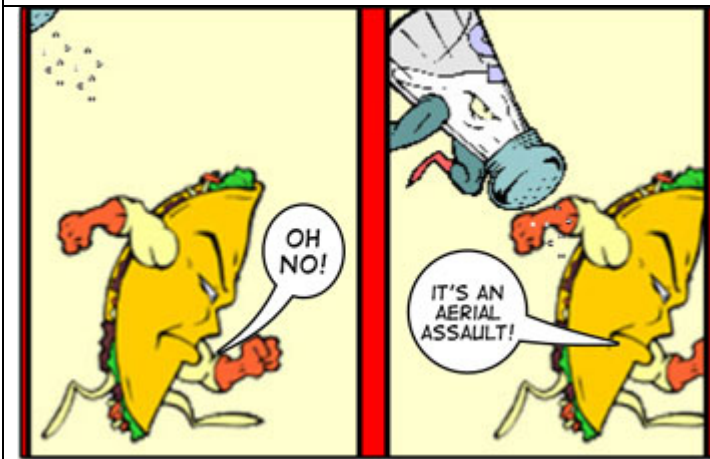
Comic Vocabulary Definitions and Examples: Layout & Design



Border

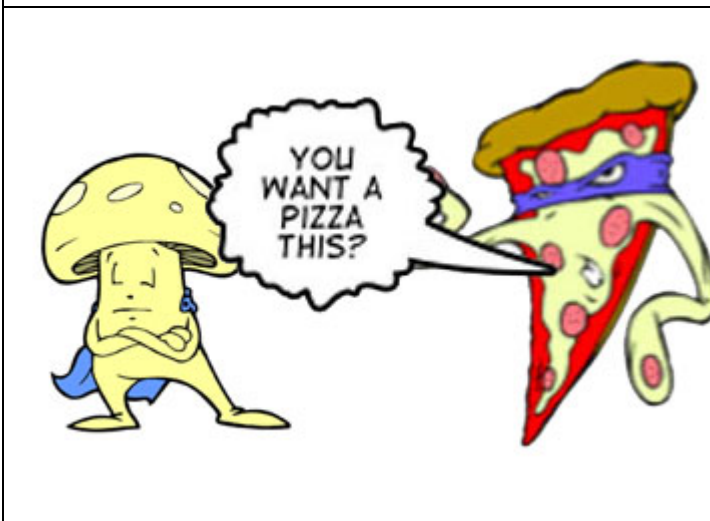
(AKA panel frame)

The edge or outline of the comic page (shaded red in this example).



Gutters

The space between the panels of the comic (shaded red in this example).



Open Panels

(AKA Borderless Panels)

Panels where one or more, or even all, of the sides of the comic panel are open to show dramatic effect.



Panel

(AKA frame)

Rectangles or squares where the action of the comic is drawn. The example here tells the story in four panels.



Splash Panel

A panel that takes up the space of several panels in the comic in order to introduce or highlight an action or character.

Splash panels are similar to *splash pages*, which takes up the whole page of a comic to help introduce or give special attention to battles or particular events.