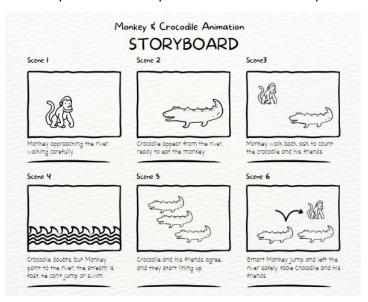


Practice sheet - UNIT 5

1. What is a storyboard?

A storyboard is a series of sequentially organised drawings or sketches, accompanied by textual descriptions, used to visually plan a story, film, animation, comic strip or other visual project. The storyboard is an important step in the pre-production process, as it allows every visual and narrative element of a project to be previewed and planned before it is completed.







2. Use and the benefits of a storyboard.

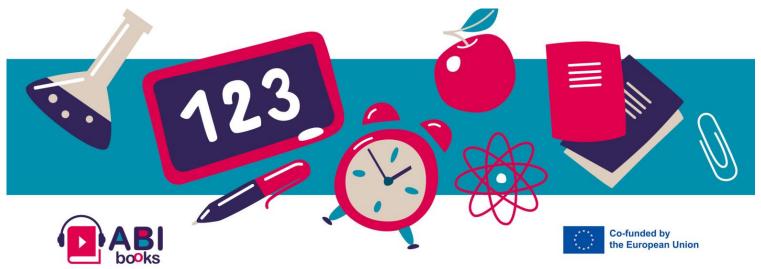
There are many advantages to using a storyboard:

- <u>Precise planning</u>: It allows you to plan each shot, sequence or page, making it easier to set up filming or visual creation.
- Visual communication: It helps to communicate the vision of the project effectively to others.
- <u>Time-saving</u>: By planning details in advance, mistakes can be avoided during production and any inconsistencies are more easily identified.
- <u>Creativity</u>: It provides a canvas for exploring different ideas and visual concepts, helping designers to refine their vision.

3. Tools that can be used to create a storyboard.

There are a number of tools available for creating storyboards, whether for film, animation, comics or books. Here are some of the most commonly used tools for creating storyboards:

- Paper and pencil: One of the simplest methods is to use paper and pencil to draw each storyboard box
 by hand. It's a traditional approach that offers great artistic flexibility.
- Graphics tablet: Graphics tablets, such as the Wacom Intuos, allow you to draw directly onto a screen,
 making it easier to create digital storyboards.
- <u>Drawing software</u>: You can use drawing software such as Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, Corel
 Painter, or Procreate (for iPad) to create digital storyboards. These tools offer a range of drawing and retouching capabilities.





- Dedicated storyboarding software: There is software specially designed for creating storyboards, such as Storyboard That, Toon Boom Storyboard Pro and Storyboard Fountain. These programs offer specific functions for organising boxes and adding text descriptions.
- Mobile applications: There are a number of mobile applications available for tablets and smartphones that can be used to create storyboards, including Storyboard Studio, StoryBoard Quick, and ShotPro. These apps are handy for designers on the move.
- Printable storyboard templates: You can find printable storyboard templates online that you can fill in by hand and then scan or photograph for later digital use, or you can create them using canva software and then print them out.

