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### Should comics be used as teaching materials?

Nowadays, many teachers will adopt comics as teaching materials to arouse students' interests in learning English. However, some parents argue comics pictures will distract students. In this essay, I shall look at the advantages and disadvantages of adopting comics as teaching materials.

One advantage of using comics in English is that students can remember the content more easily. It is because comics contain entertaining illustrations, so students can be better engaged. If students encounter unintelligible content, they can make use of the hints in the pictures to better understand the concept. This can help students learn effectively.

The next advantage of is that comics can arouse students' interests. Many students do not like to read long passages, so comics can serve as a starting point for students to develop their reading habits. Once students are interested in reading comics, they will spend more time to read English materials. With the help of the teachers, as time ticks by, students can improve

their reading and comprehension skills. Students who always read comics will have more imagination, too. Imagination is always the key to better writing.



Although the point above show that there are important advantages associated with adopting comics as teaching materials, there are also a number of disadvantages.

One disadvantage is that students may be distracted by the interesting storyline and colourful pictures in the comics. They may spend more time on the pictures and plot that they might lose focus on the language they should learn. Students may be too excited to discuss the plot and what will happen next which sometimes might disrupt class discipline.

The next disadvantage is that the comics may contain inappropriate content which students will follow suit. Some comic books may contain violence and foul language. Reading too much of those will hamper students' growth. Students may resort to violence and bad language to solve problems. This is something educators will not want to happen.

To conclude, there are advantages and disadvantages of using comics as teaching materials. Students can remember the content easily, but they may also be distracted by the storyline and pictures in it. In my opinion, the advantages outweigh its disadvantages.