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Reading

WALT Understand how humour is used as a literary device

ACTIVITY 2: COMIC DEVICES Jeff Kinney is inspired by things in everyday life that make him laugh. He loves listening to and telling jokes. In fact, his ideas for Diary of a Wimpy Kid often start with a list of jokes... it's how you tell 'em!

• **Re-read the extract from Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Meltdown.**

<https://www.worldbookday.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/06-Telling-Funny-Stories-Extract.pdf>

- Consider how Jeff Kinney makes jokes funny in his stories. How does he tell them?
- Jeff Kinney uses lots of comic devices in his writing to make it funny. Looking back at the extract from Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Meltdown, find examples in the extract of the following comic devices: USE OF CAPITAL LETTERS, INFORMAL WORDS, ONOMATOPOEIA, USE OF CARTOON, REPETITION, FUNNY SCENARIOS.
- For each comic device listed, think about how it helps to make the story funny. Can you use one of these devices in your own writing to tell a funny story?