

Types of balloons and captions

standard
caption box

standard dialog
balloon

melled
balloon

Melled balloons
are used to indicate a
connected thought.

Separate
balloons to the same
speaker indicate separate
thoughts with a full
stop.

balloons
connected
by a tail

Also used for
connected thoughts,
but indicates more of
a pause in the speech.

BURST!

whisper

thought
balloon

DOUBLE!

Panel one

CAPTION: And then *the writer* tried to explain what this **all meant**.

SPEAKER: Each balloon should represent *a separate thought*.

SPEAKER: If the speaker has *two separate ideas* to convey, they should go . . .

Panel two

CAPTION (continuing Speaker's dialog): ". . .in **separate** balloons."

SPEAKER: Gasp, it's you!

SPEAKER (melled balloon): **Green Jello Man!**

Panel three

SPEAKER: I really like vanilla.

SPEAKER (connected by tail): But I like chocolate too.

SPEAKER (in Thought)/(T): Maybe I shouldn't have made the handouts before lunch.

Panel four

SPEAKER (Burst)/(B): **HOW DARE YOU KILL MY DOG?!**

Panel five

SPEAKER (Whisper)/(W): I never liked **that dog** anyway. I just *like* to yell. [NOTE--whispering used to be indicated by a dotted line balloon. With computer lettering, now we use a smaller font or use a gray coloring to the lettering.]

SPEAKER (Double)/(D): **SO I'LL YELL AGAIN!**

SPEAKER: In the days before computers, italics were indicated by underlining words and **BOLD WAS INDICATED BY ALL CAPS**. This is still true with typewriters.