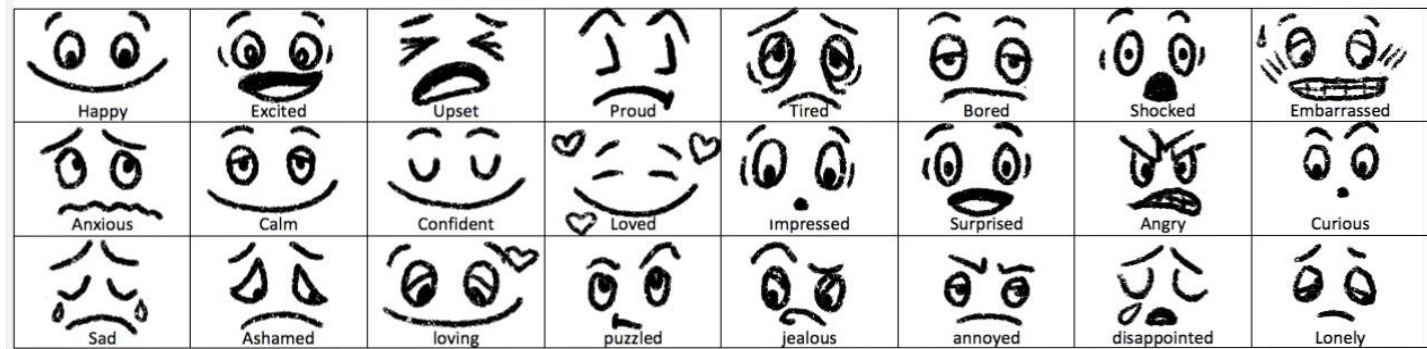


## Comical Life

An activity of "Happy 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Peanuts"

Read "**Happy 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Peanuts!**" (page 18–19, *What's Up* July 2020). Charles Schulz, the creator of Peanuts said, "The great thing about being a cartoonist is that you have 100 percent control of the comic strip — you are the writer, producer, director, and stage manager all at once." Let's try creating your very own comic strip!

1) Circle all the feelings you experienced in the past week: →





2) Choose ONE memorable experience related to one or more of the feelings you have circled here. Briefly describe what happened to make you feel this way. Use the following time sequence to describe your experience. (Refer to the example below for steps 2-4)

Beginning	Middle 1	Middle 2	End
Example: I felt very <u>happy</u> when my dad bought me my favourite chocolate mint ice cream.	Example: My younger brother wanted to try some, so I let him. But his bites were too big.	Example: <u>Angrily</u> , I snatched the ice cream away. He tried to grab it. The ice cream fell.	Example: We both had no ice cream. I was so <u>upset</u> that I cried. My brother cried too.
Your experience:	Your experience:	Your experience:	Your experience:

3) Next, put everything together in a 4-frame comic strip. Sketch your draft in these boxes. Create your character(s), setting, and speech or thought bubbles. Then, use a fresh sheet of paper for your final work.

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### AN EXAMPLE OF CREATING A COMIC STRIP

Character(s)	Setting	Props	Speech/ Thought bubbles
 <p>Characters may be non-human. You may use the earlier emotion chart as a guide.</p>	 <p>Does the weather affect your story? Where does it take place?</p> <p>Keep the background simple.</p>	 <p>Include relevant items that add meaning to your story.</p> <p>Use action lines to add movement.</p>	 <p>Cloud-shaped bubbles represent thoughts. Sometimes, less is more.</p> <p>Think of catchy lines.</p> <p>You can include sound effects.</p>

Put everything together in a 4-frame comic strip:

