

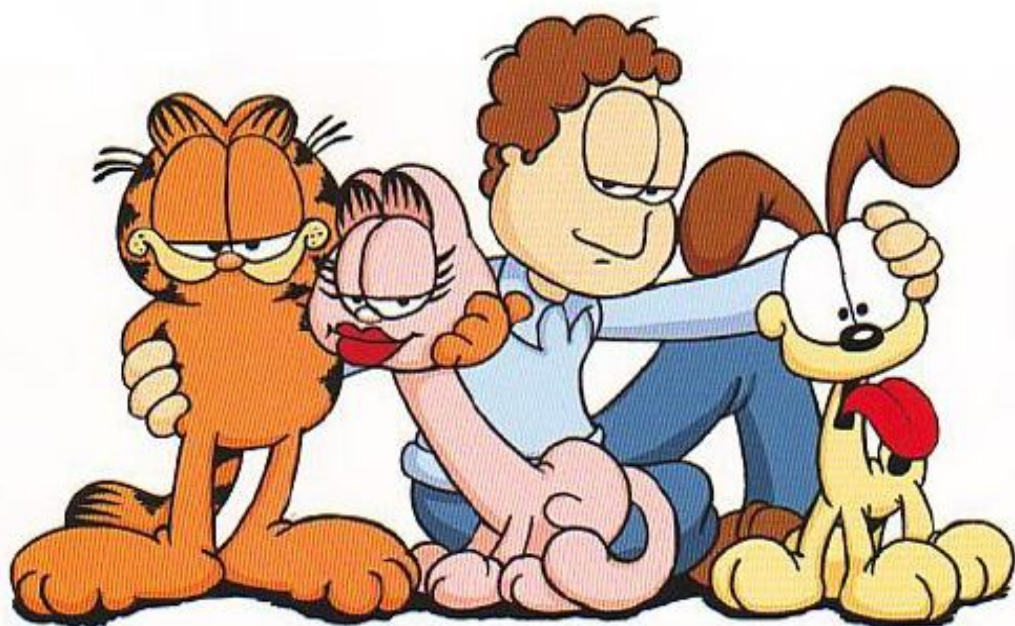
Famous Cartoon Character:

# Garfield

1 **Garfield** is one of the most famous cartoon characters in the world. The cartoon is so famous that it has many different language versions. The **reason** why Garfield is famous is that each story makes you laugh.

5 There are several main characters. They are Garfield, John, Odie, and Arlen.

**Garfield** is a cat. The color of his fur is orange, with black stripes. He is a very fat tabby cat. He loves to eat! Garfield's favorite





10 food is lasagna. Garfield often **grins**. He thinks he is smarter than humans or dogs. He is a very lazy cat. He hates Mondays. Garfield usually just stays at home and watches television. He loves to sit on the sofa. His favorite hobby is sleeping! He hates to wake up in the morning. Sometimes he is angry when his alarm clock rings. He **smashes** the  
15 alarm clock with his hand. Garfield wants to be famous. At night he tells jokes to cats and dogs outside, but they don't think he is funny. They throw garbage at him.

**Garfield**'s **owner** is called John Arbuckle. He is a cartoonist.  
20 John is a funny man. He often does silly things, like **falling over**. John prepares food for Garfield. Garfield sometimes **steals** John's food. John has two pets. One is Garfield, and the other is a dog. The dog's name is Odie. Odie is a happy, silly dog. His tongue is always sticking out. Garfield is **mean** to Odie. He likes to kick Odie off the table, and  
25 play games with him.

**Garfield** also has a girlfriend. Her name is Arlene. She is a pretty pink cat. She **argues** with Garfield because he is so lazy.

30 Many people love Garfield and his friends. You can see these characters in comic strips and movies, and even on t-shirts. Do you want to know more about them? Visit <http://www.garfield.com> and you can see comic strips and more things about the characters.

## Vocabulary Build Up

### A. Match the words to the correct definitions.

- |              |   |  |
|--------------|---|--|
| 1. reason    | • | • the facts about why something happens                                      |
| 2. grin      | • | • not nice; nasty or cruel   |
| 3. smash     | • | • to fall to the ground or onto their side                                   |
| 4. owner     | • | • to secretly take something that is not yours                               |
| 5. fall over | • | • to break into small pieces   |
| 6. steal     | • | • to smile broadly, so that the teeth are showing                            |
| 7. mean      | • | • someone who has something  |
| 8. argue     | • | • to speak angrily to someone, telling them that you dislike his or her idea |

### B. Choose the best words to fill in the blanks.

1. My mom \_\_\_\_\_ with my dad about a picnic place.  
Ⓐ smashes      Ⓑ hates      Ⓒ argues      Ⓓ stays
2. Watch out or you can \_\_\_\_\_!  
Ⓐ fall asleep      Ⓑ argue with      Ⓒ throw away      Ⓓ fall over
3. Someone \_\_\_\_\_ my bicycle. I cannot find it anywhere.  
Ⓐ stole      Ⓑ wore      Ⓒ kicked      Ⓓ prepared
4. Greg is so happy that he \_\_\_\_\_ at his mother.  
Ⓐ falls over      Ⓑ grins      Ⓒ steals      Ⓓ argues
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ wizard turned the children into frogs.  
Ⓐ kind      Ⓑ mean      Ⓒ sporty      Ⓓ tabby



## Comprehension Check Up

### A. Check True or False.

- The name of Garfield's pet is Odie.  T  F
- Garfield has no girlfriend.  T  F

### B. Choose the best answers.

1. What makes Garfield famous?

- (a) He has many friends in the stories.     (b) Each story makes you laugh.  
 (c) He is mean to Odie.     (d) It has many different language versions.

2. What makes Garfield angry?

- (a) watching TV     (b) eating lasagna  
 (c) waking up in the morning     (d) telling jokes

3. Why does Arlene argue with Garfield?

- (a) He is so lazy.     (b) He is funny.     (c) He is fat.     (d) He is mean to Odie.

4. Which of the following tells the relationship between the characters?

- |                                     |              |                               |         |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|---------|
| Garfield                            | John         | Garfield                      | Arlene  |
| <input type="radio"/> (a) owner     | – pet        | <input type="radio"/> (b) pet | – pet   |
| <input type="radio"/> (c) boyfriend | – girlfriend | <input type="radio"/> (d) pet | – owner |

### C. Write the best answers.

1. What does Garfield do when his alarm clock rings?

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2. Where can you find more things about Garfield and his friends?

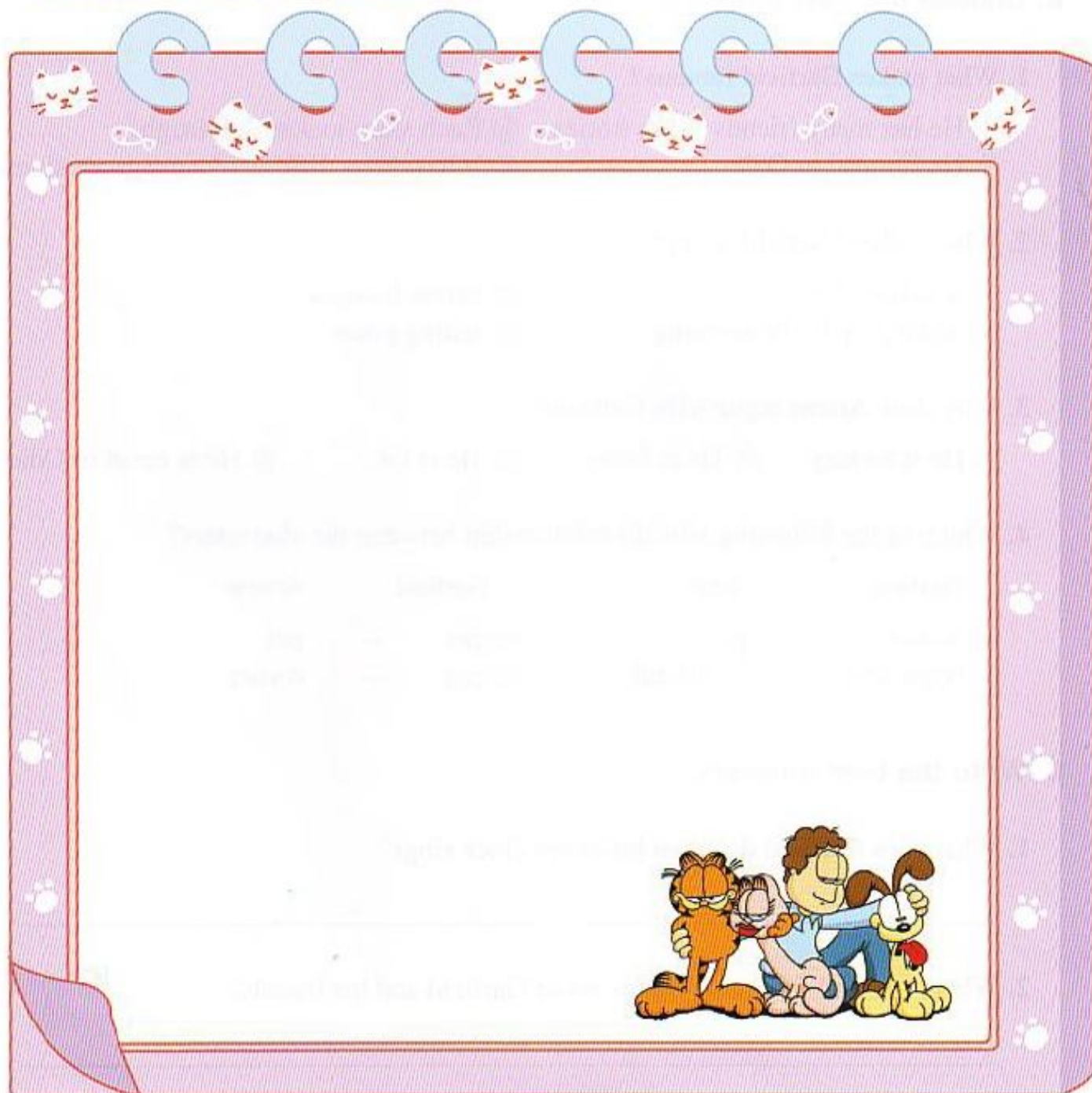
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## Reading Skill Up

### Making a Prediction Based on Characters

If you understand **characters** in a story, you can **make a prediction** about what will happen next in the story. You can also imagine another story based with the characters.

Read about the characters in Garfield again and create your own comic strip with the characters.





**Story Summary Up**

Complete the summary by filling in the blanks.

argue cartoon funny girlfriend tabby lazy Odie owner silly

Garfield is a very famous \_\_\_\_\_ character. Main characters in the cartoon make you laugh. Garfield is a fat \_\_\_\_\_ cat. He is very \_\_\_\_\_ and he likes to eat. His \_\_\_\_\_, John is \_\_\_\_\_. John's the other pet is \_\_\_\_\_. He is a \_\_\_\_\_ dog. Arlen is Garfield's \_\_\_\_\_. They sometimes \_\_\_\_\_.

**Think and Act Out**

Write or say your own opinions.

- What is Garfield's personality like?
- Have you seen Garfield? Who is your favorite character?