

## Using Comic Books as an Effective Tools for Online Teaching and Learning English at Hamdard University Bangladesh

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**Abstract** - Comics can be one of the effective media of teaching and learning English language. By using English comics, students can be made more interested and more active in learning. Comics are more conducive to language learning. As comics integrate images with words to tell a story, they are more engaging for students than the isolated images that so many ESL/EFL textbooks are riddled with. In contrast, the cohesion of story, theme, and character found in comics give instructors a strong foundation to create interesting, meaningful lessons in English language. The purpose of this study is to show how online teaching and learning can be possible by using comic books at the tertiary level of a private university of Bangladesh. The researchers prepared activity sheets by using comic books and distributed those among the students of First Semester of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering (CSE), Electrical and Electronic Engineering (EEE), and Mathematics (Math) using G-Suite for Education. After filling up the activity sheets, students filled out the questionnaire where they gave feedback of doing a worksheet based on comic books. Thus, this is an experimental research using the mixed method. After analysing the data from the feedback of the students, the researchers came to find out that the students are not habituated in reading comic books, though they find comic books can be used in learning English. However, it becomes time consuming if the file is larger, and internet speed is low.

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