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Introduction

Many people love to watch cartoons.
There are many kinds of cartoons.
How are they made?
It takes a lot of work
to make even a simple cartoon.
This is how it is done.



Watching cartoons can be fun for the whole family.



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Start with a Story

The first job is to come up with a story.
The story may be about a superhero.
She may be on the side of good
or the side of evil.
An artist draws the story
as a series of drawings.



An artist working on a cartoon

The drawings are pinned to a board.
This is called a **storyboard**.
The storyboard shows the cartoon's plot.



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Give the Characters a Voice

Next, actors record the characters' voices.
The recording is called a **scratch track**.
Later, the artists will use the scratch track.
They will draw the characters' mouths
moving along with the actors' voices.



A control panel in a recording studio

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An actor records one character's voice in a recording studio.