



# Garfield

by Jim Davis

PRIMARY



## Interpreting Information.

Read the comics carefully and answer the questions below.



1. What do these comic strips tell you about Garfield's personality? \_\_\_\_\_

2. As a character, what purpose does Garfield's owner Jon serve in these strips? \_\_\_\_\_



3. What visual clue tells us that Jon can't really hear what Garfield is 'saying'? \_\_\_\_\_



## About Jim Davis!

Jim Davis is Garfield's creator. He was born on July 28, 1945, in Marion, Indiana. Jim grew up on a small farm near Fairmount, Indiana. He used his family as characters in the Garfield comic strip, they were Jon Arbuckle's family.

As a child Jim Davis was forced to stay in bed a lot and away from farm chores because of asthma. In an effort to keep occupied, Jim Davis used to draw, learning the basics of good drawing from his mother. During his childhood Jim Davis loved to read the Sunday comics, and counts the classic strips like "Peanuts" and "Beetle Bailey" as very influential to his cartooning career.

His first comic strip was called "Gnorm Gnat" it ran weekly in a Indiana newspaper for five years. After a lot of hard work and time Jim Davis came up with the idea of Garfield. Since then Garfield has gone on to be a worldwide success.

Garfield's Place <http://members.tripod.com/garf paw/davis.htm>

4. Why did Jim Davis stay in bed a lot as a child? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What were his favourite comics? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Who taught him his drawing skills? \_\_\_\_\_
7. What was his first comic strip called? \_\_\_\_\_
8. How long did it run? \_\_\_\_\_



### Comic Strip Word Search.

Find the names of these famous comic strips in the Wonder Word.



X	M	E	R	T	S	Y	U	F	B	Z	V	E
T	F	P	T	H	E	P	H	A	N	T	O	M
E	Q	S	S	D	L	Z	X	R	E	R	X	S
S	A	D	U	T	A	A	P	S	F	L	M	K
S	Q	I	J	P	T	E	X	I	B	Q	E	D
A	W	L	F	L	E	J	J	D	N	A	N	L
B	D	B	D	Z	K	O	L	E	V	S	J	O
D	H	E	R	M	A	N	Q	W	C	F	H	N
E	P	R	H	C	N	W	K	R	J	Y	O	R
R	O	T	K	X	S	T	U	N	A	E	P	A
F	E	K	U	D	A	M	R	A	M	G	U	Y
G	A	R	F	I	E	L	D	S	E	G	A	E
C	D	I	F	O	D	R	A	Z	I	W	R	H

- GARFIELD
- HAGAR
- PEANUTS
- SNAKE TALES
- THE PHANTOM
- FAR SIDE
- HERMAN
- FRED BASSET
- HEY ARNOLD
- WIZARD OF ID
- DILBERT
- X MEN
- MARMADUKE

### Work It Out!



- $72 = 9 \times \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
- $20 \times 80 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
- Cm in 3 m =  $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
- Half of 78 =  $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
- Quarter of 32 =  $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
- $8.6 + 4.4 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
- $5 \times 7 + 5 \div 10 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
- $5.63 \times 10 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
- $340.9 \div 100 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
- $\$5 - \$3.25 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

Visit these great comic websites!

- [www.calvinandhobbes.com](http://www.calvinandhobbes.com)
- [www.peanuts.com](http://www.peanuts.com)
- [www.garfield.com](http://www.garfield.com)

**Adverbs.** An adverb is a word that describes a verb, that is, how you do something (for example 'He spoke loudly'). Find the verbs (doing words) and adverbs in these sentences.

	VERB	ADVERB
☆ Garfield greedily ate his lasagne.		
☆ Snoopy sleeps peacefully on his kennel.		
☆ The Phantom ruthlessly pursued the villain.		
☆ Hagar laughed heartily at the joke.		

**Brainstrains.** Can you solve these puzzles to reveal a phrase or saying?

SALE SALE SALE SALE	MAN  BOARD
SEARCH  SEARCH	LOVE SIGHT SIGHT SIGHT

### Cartoon Heroes!

Who is your favourite comic strip character? Write a brief paragraph explaining why you like your chosen comic strip. Mention things like the author, characters, humour, pictures.

Cut and paste an example of your favourite comic strip and in your own words, write a brief summary of what it is about.

### Eugene's Challenge.



Create a humorous 3-cell comic strip with original characters. You may like to use a joke you have heard as inspiration, or come up with your own idea!

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