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### Comics or Manga? Something for Every Taste

Many Taiwanese people grow up reading Japanese manga, which is known for its unique art style and exciting stories. For many readers, manga becomes an important part of childhood. Although manga and Western comics both use pictures and words to tell stories, they are different in several key ways.

One major difference comes from culture. Western comics began in Europe and the United States, while manga developed in Japan. This cultural background affects how they are read. Comics are read from left to right, but manga follows the traditional Japanese reading direction, from right to left.

They also look different. Western comics are usually printed in color, while manga is mostly black and white. Their artistic styles are different as well, with each showing emotions, movement, and action in its own way.

When it comes to stories, Western comics often focus on superheroes and action. Manga, however, covers a wide range of topics, such as sports, romance, fantasy, and everyday life. Most manga are created by one author or team from beginning to end, which gives the story a clear direction and a satisfying ending.

Because of these differences, both comics and manga continue to attract readers and remain popular around the world.