

Manga and Anime Terminology

Anime: Animation produced in Japan for the Japanese market. Modern anime dates from the 1960s.

Dojinshi: Fan produced manga or other self published works.

Manga: The Japanese word for comic book. In the United States, **manga** refers to Japanese comics that have been translated into English. Traditionally, manga is read in a back-to-front, right-to-left pattern. When produced for the Western market, manga is sometimes “flipped” or converted to traditional European front-to-back, left-to-right reading format.

OEL manga: (Original English Language manga) Manga-like comics whose language of original publication is English. (Also referred to as Amerimanga).

OVA: (Original Video Animation) Anime released directly to video.

Shojo: Generally refers to school age girls and teens.

Shonen: A school aged boy roughly under the age of 18.

Yaoi: Comics with male/male romantic content, usually sexually explicit.

Yuri: Comics with female/female romantic content.

