

Superheroes and Comic Books

Comics have lots of pictures. The pictures are drawn inside panels and tell a story. Story text or speech bubbles also help the reader to follow what is happening.



The first superheroes included characters such as Superman, Batman, Captain America and Wonder Woman. Spider-Man, the Fantastic Four, the Hulk, X-Men and Iron Man came later. You can still read about some of these characters today.

Superman

Other names: Man of Steel

Superpowers: X-ray vision, flight, super strength, super-fast speed and excellent hearing.

Weaknesses: Kryptonite

His other life: Clark Kent – A newspaper reporter who keeps his superhero powers a secret.

Childhood: Clark grew up on a different planet but was found on Earth as a baby.

Enemies: Lex Luthor, the Puzzler and the Galactic Golem.





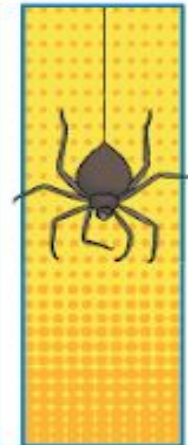
Spiderman

Superpowers: Super strength, amazing climber, fast speed, shoots spider webs from his wrists.

His other life: Peter Parker – A newspaper photographer who keeps his superhero powers a secret.

Costume: Red and blue with spiderweb patterns and a picture of a black spider on his chest.

Enemies: Kingpin, Dr Octopus and the Scorpion.



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1. Give the name of one of the first comic book superheroes.

2. Give the name of one of the later superheroes.

3. Give an example of one of Superman's superpowers.

4. What is Superman's weakness?

5. What is Clark Kent's job?

6. What is Spider-Man's real name?

7. Name one of Spider-Man's enemies.
