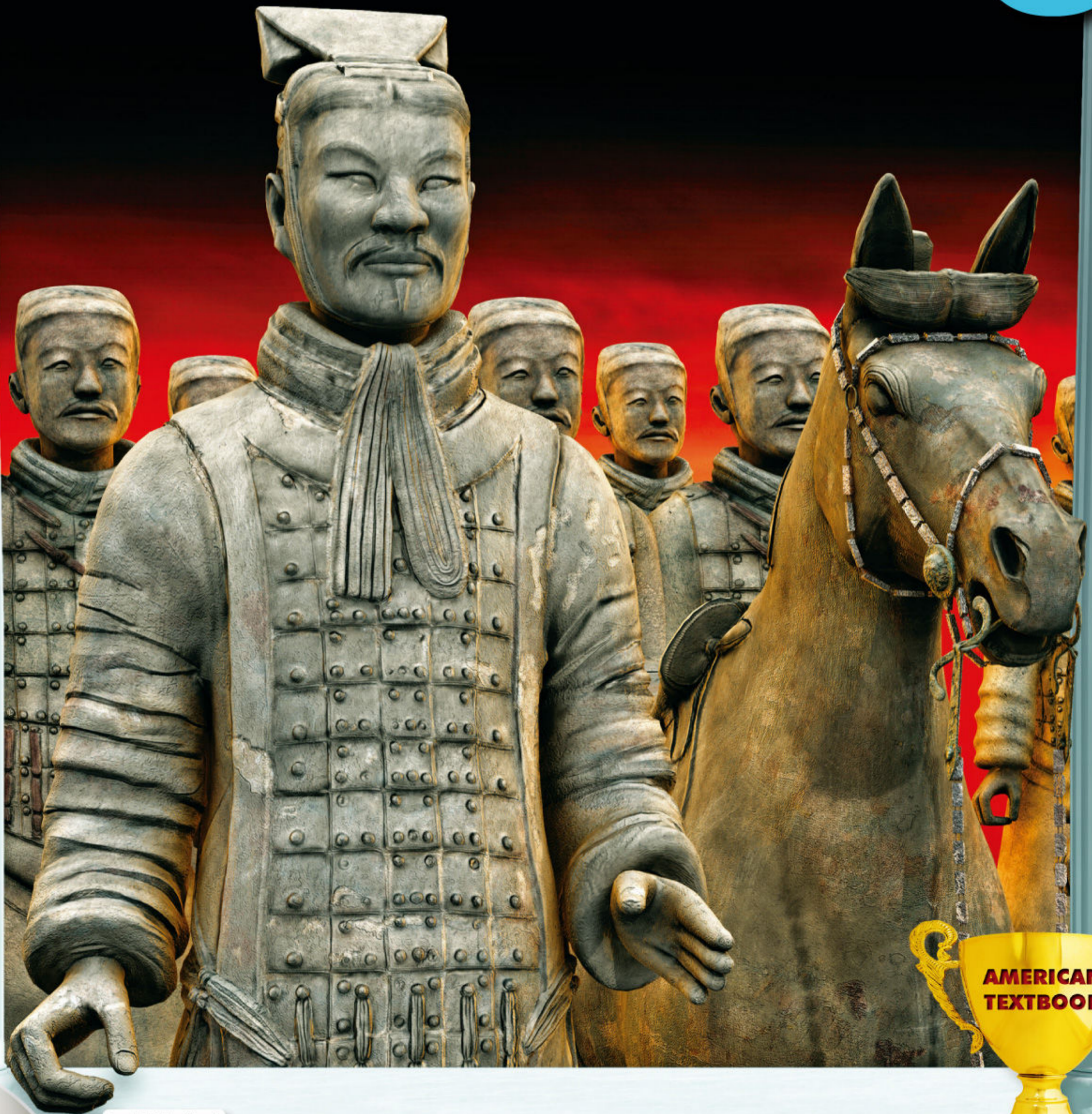


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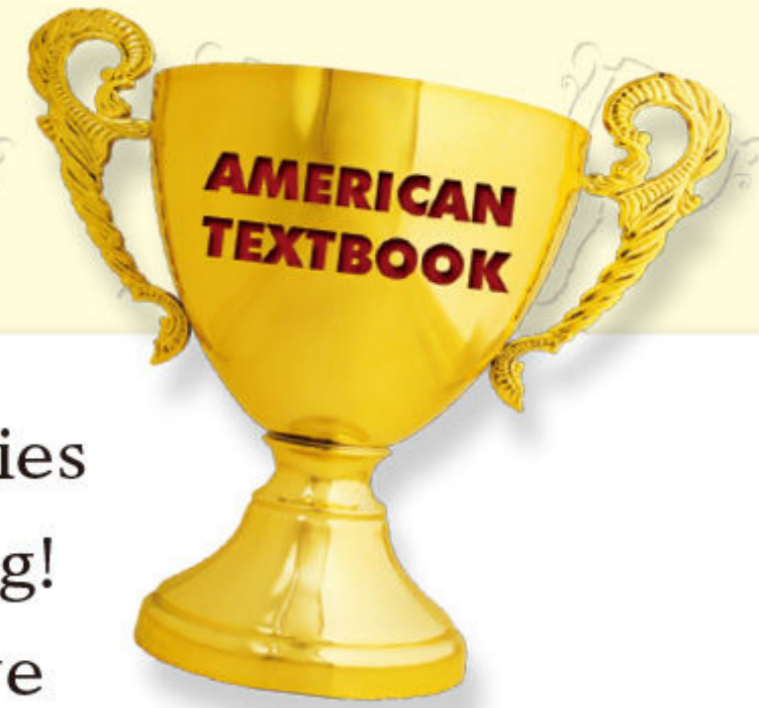
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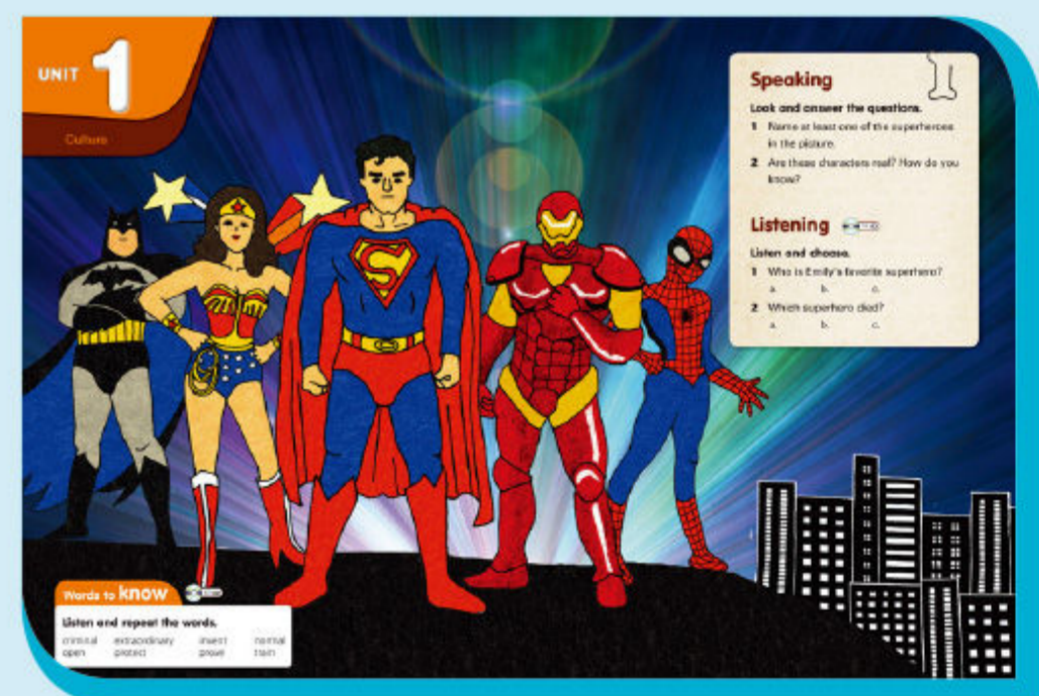


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## STEP 1

- 1 Listen and repeat the words in **Words to Know**.
- 2 Look at the picture and answer the questions in **Speaking**. Don't forget to share your answers with your classmates.
- 3 Listen to the conversation and answer the questions in **Listening**.



## STEP 2

- 1 Read the story and listen to MP3.
- 2 Find the words in the passage with the clues in **Circle the Words**.
- 3 Read on and find more information about the topic in **Fun Fact** or **Fact File**.



## STEP 3

- 1 Check your reading comprehension skills with the questions in **Comprehension**.
- 2 Now, fill in the blanks and complete the task in **Writing Project**.

**Comprehension**

**A Choose the correct answers.**

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- 3 Which superhero does NOT have special powers?
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  - b Spider-Man
  - c Superman
- 4 Choose the best place for the following sentence.  
 "Mr. Warren stayed home and took care of their family."
  - a 1
  - b 2
  - c 3

**B Check Fact or Opinion.**

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**Writing Project**

**Complete the journal.**

### My Favorite Heroes

**Wonder Woman**

- She was \_\_\_\_\_ in 1941.
- Her first \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_.
- She was \_\_\_\_\_ I she showed that girls can be strong.

**Spider-Man**

- He was not perfect at first.
- He was \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_.
- He had \_\_\_\_\_ normal problems. He showed that an ordinary person \_\_\_\_\_.

**Batman**

- He did not have \_\_\_\_\_.
- He trained his body to be \_\_\_\_\_.
- He \_\_\_\_\_ by catch criminals.
- He showed that superheroes \_\_\_\_\_ and use their brains.

Why Superheroes make people feel good about themselves.

Need to use fact strong and fact words to give \_\_\_\_\_.

Use the facts to explain your opinion about the hero.

## STEP 4

- 1 Do you remember the words from the passage? Try **Vocabulary A**.
- 2 You can go ahead check your word knowledge in **Vocabulary B**.
- 3 Let's see if you are ready to wrap up the unit with **TEST PREP!**

**Vocabulary**

**A Match the words to their definitions.**

1 prove	• to make something for the first time
2 open	• a person who breaks the law
3 repair	• to teach new skills
4 protect	• to keep safe
5 extraordinary	• very unusual/impressive
6 critical	• ordinary; usual
7 invent	• able to be entered
8 train	• to show what to do

**B Complete the sentences with the correct words.**

protect	invent	train	extraordinary	normal	prove
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- 1 This job is \_\_\_\_\_ to students.
- 2 I am \_\_\_\_\_ that Earth goes around the sun.
- 3 It is \_\_\_\_\_ to be careful before going on stage.
- 4 The \_\_\_\_\_ escaped from the police.
- 5 Some companies \_\_\_\_\_ new products.
- 6 The police \_\_\_\_\_ our neighborhood.
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**TEST PREP**

**Choose the correct answers.**

Superman was the first comic book superhero. The word "superhero" actually came from the name Superman. Superman was created by two teenage boys. Interestingly, they made Superman a bad guy at first. His appearance was different in the beginning, but the young boys quickly changed their character into a hero. Superman first appeared in a comic book in 1932. He had tall, bulging, and heavy ears. He wore spartan steel shoes. The incredible Superman soon became a hit.

- 1 What is the passage mainly about?
  - a the comic books in 1930s
  - b the first comic book hero
  - c teenagers and their friends
  - d the history of comics
- 2 What is NOT true about the character?
  - a He was the first of his kind.
  - b He was a good guy from the beginning.
  - c His first comic book came out in 1937.
  - d His name was the origin of the word "superhero."

**Look at the chart and describe it. Use the words "more", "less", "less", or "least" to compare the data.**

**Favorite Superheroes**

Superhero	Percentage
Spider-Man	35%
Batman	25%
Wonder Woman	15%
Superman	10%
Iron Man	15%

Report your answer to 2 questions. Show the process and give \_\_\_\_\_.

**STOP**

## STEP 5

This is a real final step. Check your English reading skills with **Final Test!**

**Final Test**

**Read the following passage and answer the question.**

Red-footed boobies are cleaners. They eat the dead scales or fish tissue on a fish's body. The cleaners get food. The fish gets clean. Boobies are cleaners, too. They are good partners to crocodiles. ① A crocodile has a long snout. It is full of sharp teeth. ② The crocodile opens its mouth. ③ Crocodiles are very fat on the water. ④ The crocodile hops in. It cleans the crocodile's teeth. The bird gets food. The crocodile gets clean teeth.

- 1 Which one does NOT fit in the passage?
  - a ①
  - b ②
  - c ③
  - d ④

**Read the following passage and answer the question.**

A spider is an eight-leg animal. First, she creates a straight line and a "Y" shape with her silk thread. Then she makes more threads. She goes the threads crossing the center of the "Y". Now, she starts at the center, she starts to make circles of thread. She makes small circles first. Then she makes bigger circles. When the web is completed, she crawls back to the middle. She waits for a meal.

- 2 What is the passage mainly about?
  - a How a spider makes a web
  - b What a spider eats
  - c Why a spider waits for a meal
  - d When a spider makes a web

**Read the following passage and answer the question.**

The naked mole rat is not naked. In fact, it is covered with long hairs. The hairs are hard to see. That is why people call it naked. This mammal is a hole digger. It has two long sharp teeth. Naked mole rats are great at living underground. Their long teeth are perfect for digging. There is not much air in the tunnels. Luckily, they do not need to breathe often. Also, the tunnels are narrow. There is no space to turn around. No problem! They can run backwards fast.

- 3 What is true about naked mole rats?
  - a They need to breathe often.
  - b Their tunnels are easy to see.
  - c They have two sharp, sharp teeth.
  - d They can run backwards fast.

**Read the following passage and answer the question.**

Some people earn money in odd ways. Denny works as a seat filler. He goes to the Academy Awards each year. It's a big TV event. Empty seats look lonely on television. So seat fillers get paid to sit there. They sleep and watch. Rich speaks for dogs. Dogs cannot talk. They cannot say, "This tastes terrible." So Rich takes dog food. In fact, he eats it all day long! He makes sure it is tasty. The better it tastes, the more dogs will like it. Then lots of dog owners will buy it.

- 4 What do Denny and Rich have in common?
  - a They are seat fillers.
  - b They love movie stars.
  - c They have strange jobs.
  - d They use their own pets.

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Words to know



Listen and repeat the words.

criminal  
open

extraordinary  
protect

invent  
prove

normal  
train





## Speaking



Look and answer the questions.

- 1 Name at least one of the superheroes in the picture.
- 2 Are these characters real? How do you know?

## Listening



Listen and choose.

- 1 Who is Emily's favorite superhero?  
a.                      b.                      c.
- 2 Which superhero died?  
a.                      b.                      c.

Everyone likes superheroes. They are brave and exciting. We know that they are not real. Yet superheroes can change how we see ourselves.



The original Wonder Woman was the first female superhero. ① Her first comic book came out in 1941. At that time, most jobs were not open to women. ② They could not work as doctors, lawyers, or truck drivers. Wonder Woman was a hero for girls. She showed girls that they can be strong. She proved that women can do anything. ③

Before Spider-Man, most superheroes were perfect people. The first Spider-Man was Peter Parker. He was a shy teenager. He was a normal person with normal problems. Spider-Man proved that shy people can be brave. He showed us that an ordinary person can do extraordinary things.



### Circle the Words

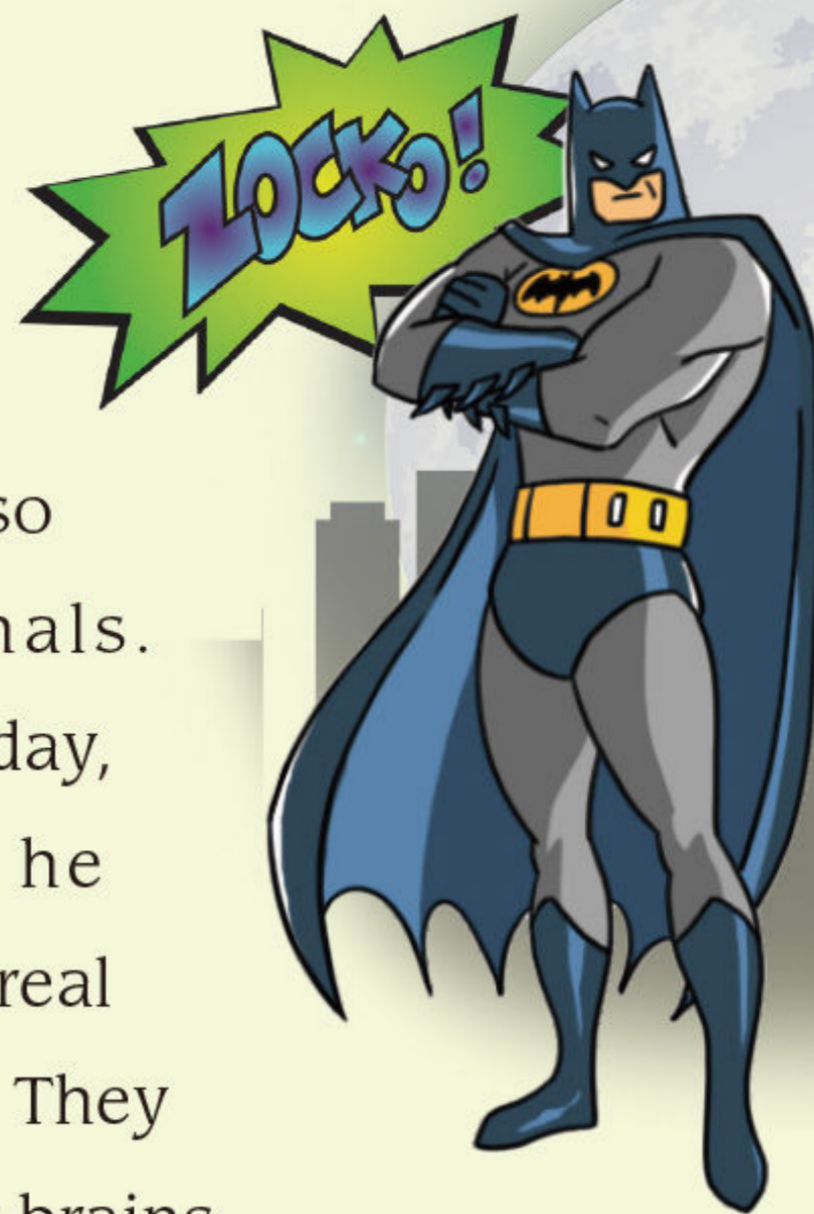
Line 7 able to be entered

Line 12 showed what is true

Line 15 ordinary; usual

Line 19 very unusual; impressive

- 20 Batman had no super powers. He used hard work and science to fight bad guys. He trained his body to be strong and fast. He also invented tools to catch criminals.
- 25 Batman rarely rested. During the day, he was Bruce Wayne. At night he protected his city. He showed that real heroes don't need special powers. They just need to work hard and use their brains.
- 30 Fighting bad guys is exciting. But superheroes' most important job is making you feel powerful, too.



### Superhero Fact

- Superman was the first superhero. He first appeared in 1937 in Detective Comics.
- The original Wonder Woman first came out in 1941. And then the second Wonder Woman came out in 1986. The first Wonder Woman could not fly.
- Green Goblin killed Peter Parker, Spider-Man! There will be new Spider-Man.

Line 22 taught new skills  
 Line 24 made something for the first time

Line 24 people who break the law  
 Line 27 kept safe

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|------------------------|---|---|
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| <b>3</b> normal        | • | • <b>c</b> to teach new skills                  |
| <b>4</b> protect       | • | • <b>d</b> to keep safe                         |
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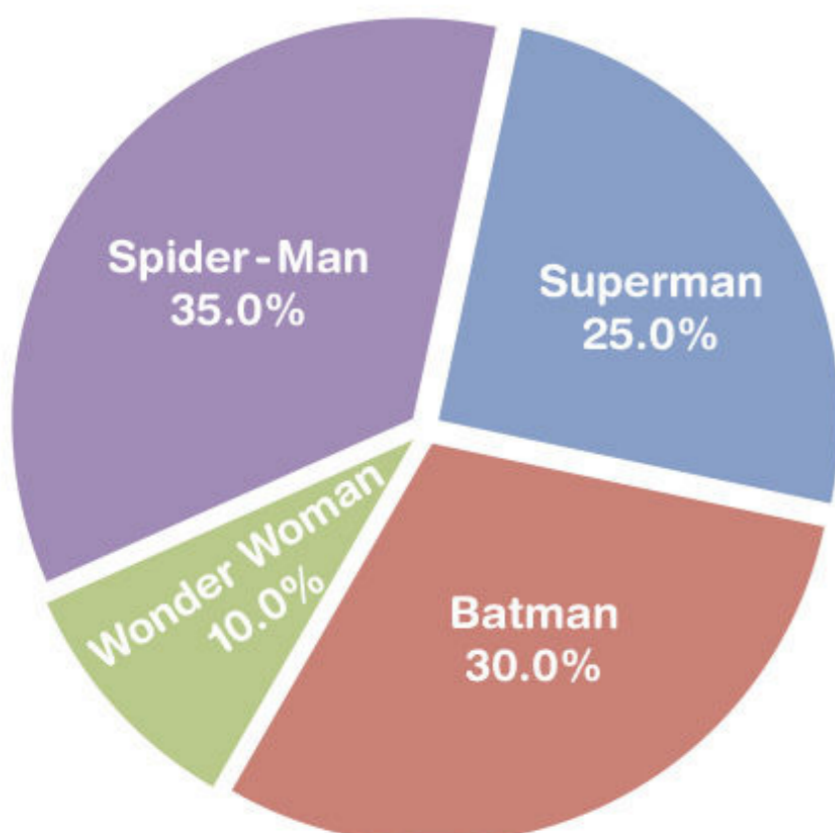
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**SPEAKING** Look at the chart and describe it. Use the words ‘more’, ‘most’, ‘less’ or ‘least’ to compare the data.

Prepare your answer for 2 minutes.  
Write the answer and speak.

**Favorite Superheroes**




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**Words to know**

**Listen and repeat the words.**

backwards  
narrow

breathe  
survive

feed  
tough

mammal  
wrinkly





## Speaking

Look and answer the questions.

- 1 What do you see in the picture?
- 2 Where is this animal?

## Listening



Listen and choose.

- 1 What are the children talking about?  
a.                      b.                      c.
- 2 What is true about the boy?  
a.                      b.                      c.