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PRE-LISTENING

TASK 1:

a) Are you a superhero expert?

Combine the pictures of the superheroes (PIC 1 – PIC 6) with their corresponding names. There are two names that you do not need. Complete the grid below.



PIC 1



PIC 2



PIC 3



PIC 4



PIC 5



PIC 6

A) Catwoman	B) Wonder Woman	C) Hellboy	D) Batman
E) Spider-Man	F) Hulk	G) Iron Man	H) Captain America

PIC	1	2	3	4	5	6
NAME:						

b) Discussion

Discuss the following questions with your partner first and then in class. Always try to give reasons and explanations for your responses.

- Are you interested in superheroes?
- Have you ever watched a superhero movie or read a comic about a superhero? If so, which one was it? Did you enjoy it?
- Have you got a favourite superhero?
- Ask your classmates about their favourite superheroes. Create a ranking in class.

TOP – 3 superheroes

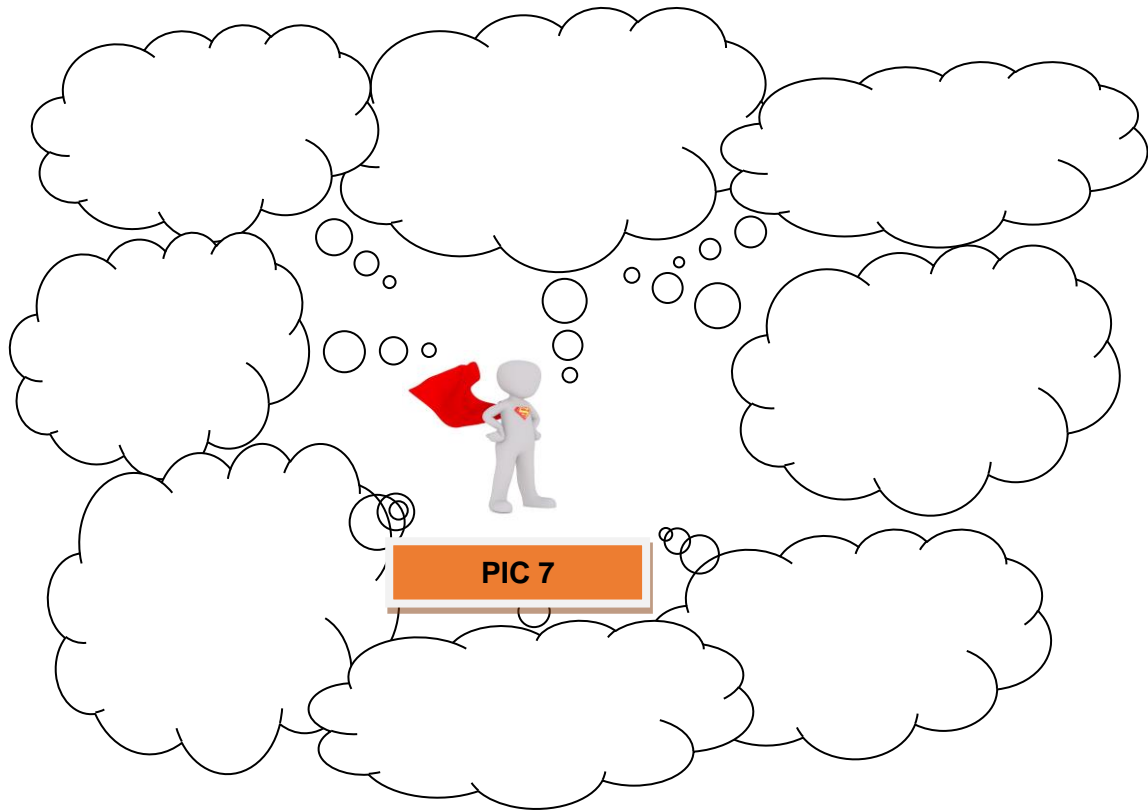
1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

c) Read the question below and create a mind map of your thoughts. Discuss your ideas in class. Create a ranking with the top-5 reasons from the whole class.

Why do so many people like movies or comics about superheroes?



d) Presentations

Divide your class into groups. Each group will then pick one of the following superheroes and creates a presentation.

Catwoman	Wonder Woman	Hellboy	Batman	Superman
Spider-Man	Hulk	Iron Man	Captain America	Avengers

Include the following aspects:

- general facts

TASK 2:

a) Describe the pictures below to your partner without showing them to each other.



PIC 8



PIC 9

b) Discussion

Discuss the following questions with your partner and then in class. Always give reasons and explanations for your responses.

- What are differences and similarities between both pictures?
- Would you like to have super powers like Spider-Man or Superman?
- Have you ever heard of Stan Lee or “Marvel”?

c) Online work

Go online and research “Marvel”. Create a short 2-minute presentation about the brand’s history.



PIC 10

d) Pro-/con-discussion

Read the statements below. List four pros and four cons and discuss them with your partner and then in class.

Superheroes should be directed toward a wider audience.

+++ PROS +++

--- CONS ---

VOCABULARY

TASK 1: Word salad

Read the definitions below and find the corresponding words in the grid.

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

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to such a degree that the qualities of somebody/something are easy to see or identify
not costing a lot of money
a large business company
a person or an animal in a book, play or film/movie
at regular intervals or times
a large and important unit or section of an organization
the standard of something when it is compared to other things like it; how good or bad something is
including everything, everyone or every part
the series of jobs that a person has in a particular area of work, usually involving more responsibility as time passes
an increase in economic activity
a person whose job is writing books, stories, articles, etc.
a period of ten years, especially a continuous period, such as 1910–1919 or 2000–2009
feeling pleased and satisfied about something that you own or have done, or are connected with
an important topic that people are discussing or arguing about
small and unimportant
of or connected with people rather than animals, machines or gods
something that you feel you have to do because it is your moral or legal responsibility



LISTENING COMPREHENSION

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TASK 1:

Listen to the text and complete the sentences.

- a) When he was 17 years old, Stan Lee began working in the small comic _____ which would later be called Marvel Comics.
- b) Lee told the printers to make the character grey _____ and when the comic was published, the Hulk was green.
- c) For superheroes, the newly introduced Fantastic Four had very human qualities: they could be petty and hold grudges, _____ and even get ill.
- d) They will continue to entertain us on the page and _____

TASK 2:

Listen to the text and decide whether the statements are true (T) or false (F).

		T	F
a)	Stan Lee created all super heroes of Marvel alone.		
b)	Stan Lee's first job was in his uncle's bookshop.		
c)	Stan Lee shortened his original name as he felt ashamed of the work he was doing.		
d)	It was a mistake that Hulk got a green colour.		
e)	It was new that the Fantastic Four had quite human characters.		
f)	Stan Lee was sure that Frankenstein was truly a bad guy.		
g)	In Iron Man in 2008, Stan Lee played a major role.		

READING COMPREHENSION

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TASK 1:

Mediation. Beantworten Sie die folgenden Fragen stichpunktartig auf Deutsch. Es sind keine ganzen Sätze notwendig, aber ein Wort genügt nicht als Antwort.

- a) Wohin gingen die Figuren von Stan Lee während seines langen Lebens?



b) Was erfährt man über den Werdegang der Firma „Marvel“ unter der Leitung von Lee?

c) Wie kam Stan Lee zu seinem Namen?

d) Wozu wurde Stan von seiner Frau überredet?

e) Was war das Neue an den Fantastic Four?

f) Weshalb wurde Lee erst Jahre, nachdem er mit seiner Arbeit bei „Marvel“ aufgehört hatte, berühmt?



TASK 2:

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The text has been mixed up. Bring the parts into their correct order.

Stan Lee, father of Spider-Man, dies

By Siobhan Bruns

<p>The name stuck and he continued using it, changing it legally decades later. Would the Incredible Hulk still be incredible in another color? Happily, we'll never know because there was a mistake in the color in the first issue. Lee told the printers to make the character grey but the colorist had trouble with the coloring and when the comic was published, the Hulk was green. Lee liked it and made the change permanent. But perhaps the biggest "mistake" of Stan Lee's career was his career itself.</p>	
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TASK 3: Guided writing

**Write a blog post for your school website about superheroes.
Include the following aspects:**

- Describe your favourite superhero
- Write about Marvel
- Write about Stan Lee
- Your personal opinion about Stan Lee's achievement

Write about 200 words.

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ENTERTAINMENT

The man who created some of the world's most popular comic book superheroes passes away at 95.

American English

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ANSWER KEY

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TASK 1a:

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NAME:	E	D	F	B	G	A

VOCABULARY

TASK 1:

	R	E	C	O	G	N	I	Z	A	B	L	Y		H	
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						X		G		N				A	
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LISTENING COMPREHENSION

TASK 1:

- a) book division of his uncle's publishing company
- b) but the colorist had trouble with the coloring
- c) doubt themselves, have bad moods, worry about money, get bored,
- e) screen for many more years to come

TASK 2:

- a) F b) F c) T d) T e) T f) F g) F

READING COMPREHENSION

TASK 1:

- a) von den Seiten eines Comicbuches auf die Filmleinwand
- b) Es wuchs von einem Verlag für günstige Bücher, Magazine und Comics zu einem multimedialen Unternehmen, mit einem Wert von mehreren Milliarden.
- c) Sein Name war Stanley Lieber; er wollte ein seriöser Schriftsteller sein. Als er ein paar Monate, nachdem er seine neue Stelle angetreten hatte, gebeten wurde, ein paar Fülltexte für Captain America zu schreiben, schämte er sich so, für Comics zu schreiben, dass er mit dem Namen Stan Lee unterschrieb.
- d) Er sollte einen Comic schreiben, auf den er später stolz sein würde.
- e) Sie hatten sehr menschliche Züge, Fehler und Schwächen.
- f) Beginnend mit Iron Man im Jahr 2008 hatte er regelmäßig Kurzauftritte in Superheldenfilmen.

TASK 2:

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