Superheroes Spider-Man



It began when ______ was attending a high-school demonstration of radiation technology. ______

______. This gave him superhuman spider-like abilities. In the original comic book, Peter's new talents inspired him to invent his trusty webslingers, small jets attached to his wrists that fire a special polymer that hardens on contact with air. (In the first Spider-Man film with Tobey Maguire, Parker grows natural webslingers*).

______ lives with his Aunt May and works as a photographer for the Daily Bugle. But as Spider-Man, he fights evil in the dangerous, crimeridden streets of New York.

* to sling = lancer, jeter.

Superhero Stats	
АКА	
History	
Superpowers	*
	*
	*
	*
Equipment	Trusty webslingers
Arch enemies	The Green Goblin and Doctor Octopus
Weakness	Vulnerable to conventional weapons
Love interest	Mary-Jane Watson
Catchphrase	"Whoops Spidey senses tingling!"

Daredevil

Matt Murdoch was the son of a boxer, 'Battling Jack' Murdoch, who grew up in New York. When Matt saved a blind man from being hit by a truck, some of the radioactive waste inside the truck spilled into Matt's eyes, blinding him permanently.

Matt's other senses became much more acute, and he developed a radar sense that allowed him to see the world around him. He also found that he could hear another person's heartbeat, smell the faintest odour or even 'read' a newspaper just by touching the print.

After training as a lawyer at Columbia University, Matthew set up practice in New York. But after facing many injustices in the courtroom, Matt took on the identity of Daredevil and fought the criminals that he couldn't bring to justice by legal means.

Superhero Stats	
AKA	Matthew Murdock
History	Blinded by radioactive burst
Superpowers	 * Special sonar sensor * Heightened sense of hearing, smell & touch * Intuitive sense for danger * Phenomenal athlete
Equipment	
Arch enemy	
Weakness	Cannot see
Love interest	

Superman



Superman was born on the Planet Krypton. When his father, Jor-El, realised that the Planet Krypton was doomed, he launched his son into space. Eventually he landed on a small blue-green planet called Earth.

The child was adopted by Smallville residents Jonathan and Martha Kent, and was named Clark. The boy grew to be quick and strong, as _____

After high school, Clark moved to Metropolis, where he works as a mildmannered reporter on the Daily Planet. But whenever danger calls, he's only a quick-change away from saving the world ... as Superman.

Superhero Stats	
AKA	On Earth:
	On Krypton:
History	Came to Earth from the planet Krypton
Superpowers	*
	*
	*
	*
Equipment	Underpants (always worn on the outside)
Arch enemy	Lex Luther
Weakness	Exposure to Kryptonite saps his strength
Love interest	Lois Lane

The Incredible Hulk



The TV series ran from 1977-1982.

Bruce Banner followed in his father's footsteps to become a nuclear physicist. He worked at the US Army Desert Base in New Mexico, and developed a new gamma bomb for the military.

But when a reckless teenager strayed onto the bomb test site, Dr Banner saved him – but was caught in the middle himself. Banner was transformed into a huge green monster, enormously strong and driven by fury.

In the original comics the Hulk has multiple personas. They vary in strength, wickedness, intelligence and greenness.

Superhero Stats	
AKA	Dr Bruce Banner
History	Exposed to gamma radiation
Superpowers	 * When angry, Banner changes into the Hulk * Acquires superhuman strength * Turns green
Arch enemies	
Weaknesses	
Love interest	Betty Ross
Catchphrase	n

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Task 1

Look at the photos and make a description of each superhero.

- Spiderman:
- Daredevil:
- Superman:
- The Incredible Hulk:

Task 2

Ask questions to your partner to find the characteristics of each superhero. Fill in the blanks of the IDs. Note down the questions on the following lines.

1 – "Spiderman":

- a. Real names: ____
- b. Specific characteristics:
- c. How he got his super powers: _____

2 – "Daredevil":

- a. Equipment: ____
- b. His archenemy: _____
- c. The women he loves:

3 – "Superman":

a.	Real name:	
b.	Specific characteristics:	
c.	How he got his superpowers	

4 - "The Incredible Hulk":

a.	Weaknesses:	
b.	His archenemies:	
c.	His catch phrase:	

Task 3

Work with your partner to answer the following question on a separate piece of paper: What is the common point between all these superheroes?

in their personality • in what they do • in what they symbolise