S Under the Costune



2. Ant-Man and the Wasp



Abilities



shrink (縮小) and move around like an ant or a wasp



carry a magic shield and a sword to fight

BEFORE YOU READ

Here are some superheroes and superheroines. Take a look at them, and guess what abilities they may have.











breathe (呼吸) underwater and control (控制) ocean animals



move as fast as a panther and have great senses of smell and sight



control the weather with a hammer (鐵鎚)

READING

1 Batman, Thor, Wonder Woman—do these names sound familiar to you? They are superheroes^{*} and a superheroine that we may see



on the big screen. Many people are crazy about their stories and special **abilities**². However, **believe it or not**, they all have **weaknesses**³ and **personal**⁴ problems, just like you and me.

2 Under the costume, Batman is just a **normal**⁵ man without any superpowers.
When he was a little boy, his parents were **murdered**⁶. He became such a

depressed⁷ person that he could never get over his parents' death. Later in life, he was able to create many high-tech*weapons⁸. With those weapons, he started to fight crime⁸. He chose to turn his anger⁹ into power and used it to protect¹⁰ others in the city. Surprisingly, his difficult childhood¹¹ made him into a

superhero.

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- 9. anger [`æŋgə] n. [U] 憤怒
- 10. protect [prə`tɛkt] vt. 保護
- 11. childhood [`t∫aɪld,hud] n. [C] 童年
- ・make A into B 把A 變成 B

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3 Wonder Woman is a different kind of superheroine. She was born with superpowers and raised on a secret island of **female**¹² soldiers. She

lived there without any worries until a pilot^{*} appeared. Then, her life totally changed—she and the pilot fell in love. When the pilot died in a war, Wonder Woman's heart was broken. However, instead of being beaten by sadness, she used her power to help more people. She was such a strong and brave woman that many people **respected**¹³her.

⁴ Superheroes and superheroines are not perfect. They have **emotions**¹⁴, and they also have to **deal with** the problems that ordinary people may experience. In fact, being a superhero or heroine means more than having amazing powers. When a true superhero or heroine faces something **negative**¹⁵ in life, he or she can turn it into something positive. This is why they are so extraordinary¹



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- 12. female [`fimel] adj. 女性的
- * pilot [`paɪlət] n. [C] 飛行員
- 13. respect [rɪ`spɛkt] vt. 尊敬
- 14. emotion [ɪ`moʃən] *n.* [C] 情緒
- ・ deal with 處理
- 15. negative [`nɛgətɪv] adj. 不好的
- * extraordinary [ɪk`strɔrdṇ,ɛrɪ] *adj.* 非凡的

Cultural Note

各國都有能反映出該國文化的「英雄」。美國人鍾愛 有特殊能力的英雄,而英國人則偏好會魔法的角色。 日本所創造的英雄大多屬於變身系;中國則有許多神 仙和武俠角色被視為英雄!

GRAPHIC ORGANIZER

Circle the correct words that describe Batman and Wonder Woman.

Batman ô

Weaknesses and personal problems:

- \star He was born ¹(with / without) superpowers.
- ★ His²(parents / brothers) were murdered.
- \star He³(could / couldn't) get over their death.

Advantages and achievements:

- \star He was able to $\frac{4}{(buy / create)}$ many high-tech weapons.
- \star He fought crime and (protected / respected) others in the city.



Wonder Woman 9

Weaknesses and personal problems:

- \star She fell in love with a ⁶(driver / pilot).
- \star Her loved one ⁷(died / disappeared) in a war.

Advantages and achievements:

- \star She was born⁸(with / without) superpowers.
- \star She⁹(was / wasn't) beaten by sadness.
- \star She used her power to¹⁰(help / control) more people.



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Main Idea Choose the best answer.

-) What is the main idea of this reading?
 - (A) Superheroes and superheroines have no weaknesses.
 - (B) Batman and Wonder Woman are perfect.
 - (C) All superheroes and superheroines have superpowers.
 - (D) Superheroes and superheroines can turn bad things into good ones.

Details

Choose the best answer.

-) 1. How did Batman fight crime? (
 - (A) He asked God for help.
 - (B) He used his superpowers.
 - (C) He created high-tech weapons.
 - (D) He showed his anger.



- (A) His parents were killed when he was a baby.
- (B) He used his superpowers to protect others in the city.
- (C) He is a normal man without any superpowers.
- (D) He could get over his parents' death.
-) 3. How did Wonder Woman help people? (
 - (A) She worked with a pilot.
 - (B) She used her superpowers.
 - (C) She ordered some female soldiers.
 - (D) She used her knowledge.
-) 4. Which of the following statements is NOT true about Wonder Woman? (
 - (A) When her lover died in a war, she was beaten by sadness.
 - (B) She was born with superpowers.
 - (C) Many people respected her because she was a brave woman.
 - (D) She was raised on an island of female soldiers.

 \cdot In real life, who is your hero or heroine?

Under the Costume



I. Words for Production

| 1 | costume [`kastjum] | <i>n.</i> [C][U] (特殊場合的) 服裝 (clothes worn to create a certain appearance) ► Ted went to the Halloween party in a Super Mario costume. |
|---|---|--|
| 2 | ability [ə`bɪlətɪ] | n. [C][U] 才能 (a level of skill) ► The girl is known for her language ability . She can speak six different languages. |
| 3 | weakness [`wiknɪs] | <i>n.</i> [C] 缺點, 弱點 (ANT) strength (a weak point) This scooter is amazing. It only has one weakness—it is too heavy for me. |
| 4 | personal [`pз _ั รทฺ] | adj. 個人的 [,] 私人的 (relating to oneself) ▶ Ann seldom talks about her personal life, so we know very little about her. |
| 5 | normal [`nɔrml̯] | adj. 一般的,正常的 SYN typical, usual (ordinary, expected) ▶ It is normal for the boy to feel sad when his pet dies. |
| 6 | murder [`mэdə] | <i>vt.</i> 謀殺 (to kill someone illegally) ▶ After the pop star was murdered, all of his fans cried over his death. |

| 7 | depressed [dī`prɛst] depress [dī`prɛs] | adj. 沮喪的,憂鬱的 (very sad or unhappy) Gina just broke up with her boyfriend, and she was very depressed about it. vt. 使沮喪 SYN getdown Diane always stays positive. Almost nothing can depress her. | | |
|----|--|--|--|--|
| 8 | crime [kraɪm] | <i>n.</i> [U][C] 犯罪,罪行 (illegal action) ► Today, computer crime is a big problem. A lot of people use viruses to attack others' computers. | | |
| 9 | anger [`æŋgə·] | <i>n.</i> [U] 憤怒, 生氣 (a strong feeling of being annoyed) ▶ Ben sent a long message to Jane in anger because she forgot about their date. | | |
| 10 | protect [prə`tɛkt] protection | vt.; vi. 保護 (to keep someone or something safe) ▶ My brother wore a mask to protect himself from the dirty air. n. [U] 保護 | | |
| | $[pra`t\epsilon k \int an] \blacktriangleright \text{ Celine changed a different phone case to provide better } \mathbf{p}$ for her expensive smartphone. | | | |
| 11 | childhood [`t∫aıld,hud] | <i>n.</i> [C][U] 童年,孩童時期 (the time when one is a child) I had a lovely blanket in my childhood, but it is gone now. | | |
| 12 | female [`fimel] | adj. 女性的 ▲ T male (being a woman or girl) ▶ There are fewer female taxi drivers than men. | | |

| | female | n. [C] 女性 [,] 女子 ANT male | | |
|----|------------|--|--|--|
| | [`fimel] | ► This toilet is only for females . Men are not allowed to use it. | | |
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| 13 | respect | vt. 尊敬 (to admire someone) | | |
| | [rɪ`spɛkt] | Many people respect Jam Hsiao for his acts | | |
| | | of kindness. | | |
| | respect | n. [U] 尊敬 ANT disrespect | | |
| | [rı`spɛkt] | ► The team leader worked hard and earned the respect of the whole | | |
| | | team. | | |
| | | | | |
| 14 | emotion | │ <i>n.</i> [C][U] 情緒 [,] 情感 (a strong feeling, such as love or hate) | | |
| | [ı`mo∫ən] | ► Mike is not good at hiding his emotions . Everyone knows if he is | | |
| | | happy or sad. | | |
| | emotional | adj. 情緒的, 情感的 | | |
| | [ı`mo∫ənļ] | ▶ If we can meet our emotional needs, we can lead a happier life. | | |
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| 15 | negative | adj. 不好的, 負面的 ANT positive | | |
| | [`nɛgətɪv] | (bad, unpleasant, or harmful) | | |
| | | Going to bed late has a negative effect on the human | | |
| | | body. | | |

II. Words for Recognition

- 1. superhero [`supə,hıro] *n.* [C] 超級英雄 hero [`hıro] *n.* [C] 英雄 heroine [`hɛroɪn] *n.* [C] 女英雄
- 2. high-tech [`haı`tɛk] adj. 高科技的
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| 1 believe it or not | 信不信由你 (to show something true but surprising) ▶ Believe it or not, cats cannot taste sweet things. |
|---------------------|--|
| 2 get over | 從······恢復 (to feel better after an upsetting experience) ▶ Although Maggie was sad about her breakup, she soon got over it. |
| 3 make A into B | 把A變成B SYN turn A into B (to change someone or something into another) The producer made the baker's story into a TV drama. |
| 4 deal with | 處理,應付 with the noise that her neighbors make. |



-ness 為名詞字尾,加在形容詞後。

Practice

| kind \rightarrow | 親切 |
|--------------------|----|
| | |

happy→_____快樂

| -ness | |
|--|----|
| sad + ness 🔶 sadness | 悲傷 |
| dark + ness 🔶 darkness | 黑暗 |
| weak + ness 🔶 weakness | 缺點 |
| lonel <mark>y</mark> + iness (去 y 加 iness) → loneliness | 孤獨 |

Under the Costume



- 1. 關係子句:N不夠明確時,用來説明、修飾N(限定用法)。
- whom、which、that 為「關係代名詞」,此處當受格, 常可省略,用法如下:

| whom | 人 🕴 |
|-------|--------------|
| which | 物、動物 🔒 👫 |
| that | 人、物、動物 🕴 🔒 👫 |









1. such...that... 的意思為「如此……以至於……」。

2. such 後面接「形容詞 + 名詞」, that 子句表示「結果」。





- A. 重組句子, 並加上適當的標點符號。
- 1. that these children / such / decided to go swimming / It was / hot weather
- 2. that Paul wants to / They are / such / beautiful flowers / take a picture of them
- 3. that many people / such / an interesting girl / Wendy is / like to talk to her
- 4. The chicken soup was / that we ate it up / a delicious dish / right away / such
- 5. a difficult question / that Amy can't / such / The puzzle is / answer it



B. 下面有五個知名角色。根據句型,從框內選出正確的資訊完成句子。第一題為範例。

- such a smart boy
- such a lazy boy
- has such a friendly look
- that he can make things fly
- that she saves her parents from the spirit world



1. Nobita is such a lazy boy that he is always late for school.

Nobita



2. Maruko-chan

that everyone likes her.

Maruko-chan



3. Conan is

that he is good at finding out who the real killers are.

Conan



4. Chihiro is such a brave girl

Chihiro



Harry Potter

5. Harry Potter has such great powers

CONVERSATION

Offering Encouragement

Black Widow: You look terrible. What's wrong?
The Hulk: I'm so depressed.
Black Widow: Why? You just beat the bad guys and saved the world.
The Hulk: But look-I destroyed the whole city. It's a mess!
Black Widow: Relax. We know you didn't mean it.
The Hulk: I couldn't control my anger. Lots of people got hurt.

Black Widow: Just keep trying. Things will get better.

The Hulk: I'm not sure... I may never do it right.

Black Widow: Come on! Don't give up so easily.

The Hulk: I just don't know what to do.

Black Widow: Don't worry. I'll stay by your side and help you out. The Hulk: Thanks. You're really a good friend.

- 1. encouragement [ɪn`kə ɪdʒmənt] n. [U] 鼓勵
- 2. widow [`wɪdo] n. [C] 寡婦
- 3. destroy [dī`stroi] vt. 摧毁
- 4. mess [mɛs] n. [C] 一團糟
- 5. relax [rı`læks] vi. 放輕鬆
- 6. control [kən`trol] vt. 控制
- 7. give up 放棄





Rachel is trying to encourage Jeff to look on the bright side.



8. chin [t∫ɪn] *n.* [C] 下巴

DO IT YOURSELF

I. Vocabulary

根據字首提示與例句,將答案填入框內。



Down:

- 1. Clothes can help _____ our bodies.
- 2. It is a _____ day. Nothing special happened.

Across:

- 3. My date of birth is _____ information.
- 4. Killing someone is a serious _____.
- This reading class can help us develop good reading _____.

II. Multiple Choice

根據句意,選出最適當的答案。

| (|) 1. Frank is | a serious man that we seldom see him smile. | | е. | |
|--|---|---|------------------------|----------------|--|
| | (A) so | (B) such | (C) too | (D) to | |
| () 2 talking to me directly, Donna sent me a mess | | | ent me a message. | | |
| | (A) Like | (B) With | (C) More than | (D) Instead of | |
| (|) 3. London is | _ which Gina is going | to visit this summer v | acation. | |
| | (A) the city | (B) an action | (C) the time | (D) a day | |
| (|) 4 this restaurant is looking for needs to be good at making Chinese dishes. | | | | |
| | (A) Which (C) The chef | | (B) The chef which | | |
| | | | (D) The chef what | | |
| (|) 5. The basketball player is able to | | | | |
| | (A) reaches the | e top | (B) reached the to | ор | |
| | (C) touching th | ne basket | (D) touch the bas | ket | |

| Ш. | Guid | led ' | Trans | lation |
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根據中文及提示字首,寫出完整字詞。每格限填一字。

1. Douglas 把他對公仔的喜愛變成一項事業。

Douglas <u>m</u> his love for action figures <u>i</u> a business.

2. 經營事業不太容易,而且他常被困難打倒。不過,他總會盡快恢復。

It is not easy to run a business, and he is often beaten down by difficulties. However,

he always <u>g</u>_____ <u>o</u>____ them as soon as he can.

3. 有時候,他不知道怎麼處理問題。那他就會去找朋友幫忙。

Sometimes, he doesn't know how to <u>w</u> a problem.

Then, he will turn to his friends for help.

4. 現在,Douglas 變得有名,也贏得很多人的尊敬。

Now, Douglas has become famous and earned many people's r_____.

- 5. 信不信由你,他的故事甚至拍成了電影!
 - B______ it or n_____, his story has even hit the big screen!

IV. Grammar

Karen should break it.

完成句子。

- The cake was tasty.
 Jerry bought the cake for Zoe.
 → The cake which ______ was tasty.
 It was a good joke.
 Everyone laughed at it.
 → It was ______ that everyone laughed at it.
 Being late is a bad habit.
 - \rightarrow Being late that Karen should break it.

4. Look at the shop.

Lots of people are inside the shop.

- \rightarrow Look at the shop
- 5. [I want to make friends with the boy.

I met the boy on the bus.

ightarrow I want to make friends with the boy

V. Translation

根據中文,翻譯出英文。

1. 這位女學生是個如此勇敢的人以至於她抓住小偷。

2. 這件 Linda 穿的萬聖節服裝是她爸爸做的。

3. Irene 對自己的工作沮喪,所以她想找新工作。

4. Peter 不擅長掩飾情緒,而且他無法控制怒氣。

5. 吃太多會對你的健康有負面影響。