

✓ PRE – WATCHING

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–h next to the numbers 1–8.

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| 1..... live action | a. someone in a film or story who has special powers and helps other people |
| 2..... animated | b. a person or company that produces and sells magazines, books, etc. |
| 3..... a superhero | c. a very famous and popular character in a story or film |
| 4..... a publisher | d. (of a film) involving actors, not drawn images or models |
| 5..... a franchise | e. (of a film or cartoon) made of hand-drawn or computer-drawn images |
| 6..... a cameo (appearance) | f. involving several types of media, such as books, television, films or music |
| 7..... an iconic character | g. a small part in a film, but played by someone very famous |
| 8..... multimedia | h. a series of films that are connected to each other by having a continuing story or the same characters |

✓ WATCH THE VIDEO ABOUT STAN LEE!

✓ AFTER WATCHING

Circle *True* or *False* for these sentences.

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| 1. | Stan Lee was a comic book writer, editor and publisher. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 2. | Spider-Man was the only character he created. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 3. | There were a lot of superhero films in cinemas in the 1930s and 1940s. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 4. | In the 1960s he began writing comic books. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 5. | Stan Lee had major acting parts in many Marvel films. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 6. | The reason why his superheroes are successful is that they are perfect characters. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |

Complete the sentences with words from the box.

animated	publisher	assistant	multimedia	franchise
comic books	extraordinary	ordinary	live	billions

- In 1939, Stan started working as an _____ at Timely Comics, a small comic-book _____.
- In the 1960s, Marvel comic characters appeared in _____ action and _____ films and television programmes.
- Marvel is now a huge _____ company with a value of _____ of dollars.
- Fans think of Stan Lee as the father of _____. The Marvel _____ that he created is huge and very successful.
- His characters show us that _____ people have the power to do _____ things.

Discussion

Do you like comic books and superheroes? Who are your favourites, and why?