

## VOCABULARY

СЛОВО / ВЫРАЖЕНИЕ	ПЕРЕВОД
1. appeared	появились, возникли
2. created	создан
3. moved to	перешёл в / появился на
4. disappeared	исчезла
5. grew up	вырос
6. display	проявлять, демонстрировать
7. superhuman abilities	сверхчеловеческие способности
8. superhuman strength	сверхчеловеческая сила
9. vision powers	способности зрения
10. X-ray	рентгеновский
11. ability to fly	способность летать
12. cape	плащ, накидка
13. character	персонаж
14. fights against	сражается против
15. was modelled on	был создан по образцу / под влиянием
16. powers became more numerous	способностей становилось всё больше

## SUPERMAN

Superman comics first appeared on 18 April, 1938. It was created by Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster. Siegel's father died and Siegel created a man who became the world's greatest hero.

Later Superman moved to radio and television programmes, films, newspaper comic strips and video games.

Superman was born Kal-El on the planet Krypton and travelled to Earth in rocket moments before his planet disappeared. He grew up as Clark Kent in the family of a Kansas farmer and his wife. Very early he started to display superhuman abilities: superhuman strength, speed, hearing, intelligence, vision powers (X-ray, infra-red, telescopic, microscopic, etc); he had an ability to fly, etc.



Superman usually wears a blue costume with a red-and-yellow letter 'S' and a red cape. This letter "S" is a symbol of this character.

The love of his life is Lois Lane and he usually fights against Lex Luthor and other bad guys. He was modelled on religious and mythological characters like Samson and Hercules.



Superman's powers became more numerous with time. Unfortunately, green Kryptonite - a radioactive material from Krypton is dangerous for him.

After Superman many other superheroes have appeared.

### EXERCISES

#### TASK 1. Fill in the gaps

*Cape      Kryptonite      Lois Lane      farmer      abilities*

1. Superman grew up in the family of a Kansas \_\_\_\_\_.
2. He wears a red \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The love of his life is \_\_\_\_\_.
4. His superhuman \_\_\_\_\_ include strength, speed, and vision powers.
5. Green \_\_\_\_\_ is radioactive and dangerous for Superman.

#### TASK 2. True / False

- 1) Superman first appeared in a film. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Superman's real name is Clark Kent. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Superman can see through walls. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) Green Kryptonite makes Superman stronger. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) Lex Luthor is Superman's friend. \_\_\_\_\_

#### TASK 3. Match words with its definition

WORD	DEFINITION	ANSWERS
1) Rocket	A. a piece of clothing worn over the back	
2) Cape	B. a vehicle that travels into space	

3) Hero	C. a person admired for courage and great deeds	
4) Disappear	D. a person who works on a farm	
5) farmer	E. to go away so that nobody can see	

**TASK 4.** Put the sentences in the right order

Fact	Order
A. Superman was born on the planet Krypton.	
B. Green Kryptonite is dangerous for him.	
C. He has X-ray and telescopic vision.	
D. He grew up in a Kansas family.	
E. Superman comics first appeared in 1938.	

**TASK 5.** Find the English variants of the listed words

F I Y C H A R A C T E R A R Y  
 I A O R C P A C A Y E T F L A  
 C P O T O K R Y P T O N I T E  
 C H O M R T M F E Y T H L I A  
 N F C O C S N E F M C F G I S  
 L R F F T O F C L T O T A T I  
 H H G T R E C R Y M M R H T C  
 F R B R E A A T W T A B R C O  
 H A A E R E B B Y R O F L I M  
 O E R A L R A G I A C I E C I  
 T L R M S R O R L L T R F W C  
 W Y C O E A A C T G I W K C S  
 I F H S T R O N G C L T R O C  
 F I O C L N S E P R C E Y A R  
 E E A E F T B S L T K Y C O Y



летать    герой    сильный    фермер    криптонит  
 плащ    комиксы    жена    способность

**TASK 6.** Answer the questions

1. When did Superman comics first appear?

2. Who created Superman?

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3. Where was Superman born and where did he grow up?

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4. Why is green Kryptonite dangerous for Superman?

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5. Which mythological heroes was Superman modelled on?

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