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'Superman #1' copy becomes most expensive comic

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THE ARTICLE

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Prior to its sale, the record-breaking 86-year-old copy of Superman No. 1 had been gathering dust in the attic of a house in California. Three brothers discovered it amid the cobwebs while cleaning out their late mother's house. The brothers said their mother was an avid comic collector, and that she had told them she had "rare comics somewhere". Half a million copies of Superman No. 1 were initially printed. One copy cost 10 cents. Mint condition copies are now extremely rare because the comic invited readers to cut off the front cover to use as a poster. Superman No. 1 became the blueprint for the modern superhero. The character was a symbol of hope, justice, and "doing the right thing".

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WARM-UPS

1. SUPERMAN: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Superman. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

> comic / auction / vice-president / pinnacle / milestone / collecting / superhero / price / record breaking / dust / cobweb / mint condition / front cover / poster / justice / hope

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. COMICS OR BOOKS: Students A **strongly** believe comics are better than books; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. SUPERHEROES: What do you know about these superheroes? What can we learn from them? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I Know	What We Can Learn
Superman		
Wonder Woman		
Storm		
Spiderman		
Vixen		
Ultraman		

5. AUCTION: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "auction". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. SUPERHERO POWERS: Rank these with your partner. Put the best powers at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Super strength
- Flight
- Super speed
- Telepathy
- Invisibility
- Telekinesis
- Can control fire
- Time travel

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

1.	pristine	a.	A sale where people offer money for things and the highest offer wins.
2.	auction	b.	A historically important moment or event.
3.	pinnacle	c.	Many different kinds of something.
4.	milestone	d.	The best or highest point of something.
5.	unprecedented	e.	Made something else possible at a later time.
6.	paved the way for	f.	Very clean and like new.
7.	a whole gamut of	g.	Never ever happened before.

Paragraph 2

8.	prior to	h.	The space or room under the roof of a house.
9.	attic	i.	Not used for a very long time.
10.	gathering dust	j.	A plan or design for things to be done or made later.
11.	cobwebs	k.	Very interested in something.
12.	avid	l.	Collections of thin strands made by spiders.
13.	mint condition	m.	Before something.
14.	blueprint	n.	In perfect condition with no damage.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2511/251124-superman-comic.html

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. The Superman comic sold for over $10 million. **T / F**
2. The comic was auctioned in New York. **T / F**
3. The auction house said a movie could be made about the record copy. **T / F**
4. The comic 'Superman No. 1' first came out in 1939. **T / F**
5. The record-breaking comic was found in the attic of a comic collector. **T / F**
6. There were cobwebs surrounding the comic. **T / F**
7. The decades-old comic smelt of mint. **T / F**
8. 'Superman No.1' became the model for superheroes that came after it. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

1. pristine	a. collecting cobwebs
2. publication	b. peak
3. pinnacle	c. range
4. milestone	d. fairness
5. gamut	e. perfect condition
6. prior	f. example
7. gathering dust	g. previous
8. avid	h. book
9. blueprint	i. keen
10. justice	j. landmark

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

1. a pristine	a. the modern superhero
2. sold at	b. pop culture history
3. Superman No. 1 is a milestone in	c. dust
4. It paved	d. comic collector
5. a whole gamut	e. copy
6. gathering	f. are now extremely rare
7. Three brothers discovered it amid	g. the way
8. their mother was an avid	h. auction
9. Mint condition copies	i. of superhero comics
10. the blueprint for	j. the cobwebs

GAP FILL

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2511/251124-superman-comic.html

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reflect

pinnacle

appeared

self

unprecedented

publication

gamut

pop

Prior to its sale, the record-breaking 86-year-old copy of Superman No. 1 had been gathering (9) _____ in the attic of a house in California. Three brothers discovered it (10) _____ the cobwebs while cleaning out their late mother's house. The brothers said their mother was an (11) _____ comic collector, and that she had told them she had "rare comics somewhere". Half a million copies of Superman No. 1 were (12) _____ printed. One copy cost 10 cents. Mint (13) _____ copies are now extremely rare because the comic (14) _____ readers to cut off the front cover to use as a poster. Superman No. 1 became the (15) _____ for the modern superhero. The character was a (16) _____ of hope, justice, and "doing the right thing".

avid

symbol

invited

initially

dust

blueprint

condition

amid

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2511/251124-superman-comic.html

1) A pristine copy of the very first self-titled Superman comic has been _____
   a. sold up auction
   b. sold at auction
   c. sold of auction
   d. sold as auction
2) The rare publication was sold by Texas-_____
   a. basted Heritage Auctions
   b. biased Heritage Auctions
   c. baste Heritage Auctions
   d. based Heritage Auctions
3) He said Superman No. 1 is a milestone in _____
   a. pop cultural history
   b. pop culture history
   c. popped culture history
   d. pop culture historian
4) I'm honoured that Heritage was entrusted with _____
   a. this icon nick book
   b. this iconic book
   c. these iconic book
   d. this eco-nick book
5) It paved the way for a whole gamut _____
   a. of superhero comics
   b. of superhero comic
   c. off superhero comics
   d. off superhero comic
6) the record-breaking 86-year-old copy of Superman No. 1 had _____
   a. been gathering dusted
   b. been gathering dust
   c. been gathering dusty
   d. been gathering dusts
7) Three brothers discovered it _____
   a. armed the cobwebs
   b. timid the cobwebs
   c. mid the cobwebs
   d. amid the cobwebs
8) The brothers said their mother was an _____
   a. abet comic collector
   b. rabid comic collector
   c. avid comic collector
   d. aphid comic collector
9) copies are now extremely rare because the comic invited readers to cut off _____
   a. the front covered
   b. the front covering
   c. the front cover
   d. the front covet
10) The character was a symbol of hope, justice, and doing _____
   a. the right thing
   b. the light thing
   c. the bright thing
   d. the rightly thing

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2511/251124-superman-comic.html

1. In what kind of condition was the comic that broke the record?

2. Where is the auction house that sold the Superman comic?

3. What did an auction house say the comic was a milestone in?

4. When did the original Superman No. 1 comic first come out?

5. What did the original Superman No. 1 comic pave the way for?

6. What had the comic been gathering in a woman's attic?

7. Who was an avid comic collector?

8. How much did the original Superman No. 1 sell for?

9. What was the original Superman No. 1 a blueprint for?

10. What is Superman a symbol of besides hope and justice?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2511/251124-superman-comic.html

1) In what kind of condition was the comic that broke the record?
a) in reasonable condition
b) in pristine (perfect) condition
c) in sellable condition
d) in very good condition

2) Where is the auction house that sold the Superman comic?
a) Florida
b) California
c) New York
d) Texas

3) What did an auction house say the comic was a milestone in?
a) a road to success
b) a journey
c) pop culture history
d) publishing technology

4) When did the original Superman No. 1 comic first come out?
a) June 1939
b) July 1939
c) June 1940
d) July 1904

5) What did the original Superman No. 1 comic pave the way for?
a) changing clothes in telephone boxes
b) a whole gamut of superhero comics
c) sales of kryptonite
d) the popularity of red capes

6) What had the comic been gathering in a woman's attic?
a) dust
b) money
c) fans
d) readers

7) Who was an avid comic collector?
a) Clark Kent
b) Superman
c) The woman whose attic the comic was found in.
d) the auction house vice-president

8) How much did the original Superman No. 1 sell for?
a) ten cents
b) twelve cents
c) eighteen cents
d) twenty cents

9) What was the original Superman No. 1 a blueprint for?
a) movie series
b) doing the right thing.
c) being nice
d) the modern superhero

10) What is Superman a symbol of besides hope and justice?
a) handsomeness
b) strength
c) doing the right thing.
d) being nice

ROLE PLAY

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2511/251124-superman-comic.html

Role A – Super Strength

You think super strength is the best superpower. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their powers. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): flight, invisibility or time travel.

Role B – Flight

You think flight is the best superpower. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their powers. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): super strength, invisibility or time travel.

Role C – Invisibility

You think invisibility is the best superpower. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their powers. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): flight, super strength or time travel.

Role D – Time Travel

You think time travel is the best superpower. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their powers. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): flight, invisibility or super strength.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2511/251124-superman-comic.html

1. WORD SEARCH: Look online / in your dictionary to find collocates, information on, synonyms for… the words 'Superman' and 'comic'.

Superman	**comic**

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning…?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

• pristine • vice • collecting • only • glad • whole	• dust • amid • late • avid • mint • modern

SUPERMAN SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Superman in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

SUPERMAN DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'Superman'?
3. What do you think of Superman?
4. How important are heroes in society?
5. What do you think of comics?
6. What are your country's superheroes like?
7. Who is the greatest superhero?
8. What can we learn from Superman?
9. Who is better – Superman, Batman or Spiderman?
10. What advice do you have for Superman?

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SUPERMAN DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'comic'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you think of superheroes?
15. Do you prefer comics or novels?
16. What things in your attic might be worth something?
17. What things do or did you like collecting?
18. How are modern and traditional superheroes different?
19. What three things would you want Superman to do right now?
20. What questions would you like to ask Superman?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

1.	(a)	first	(b)	fast	(c)	fist	(d)	frosty
2.	(a)	of	(b)	by	(c)	at	(d)	to
3.	(a)	receptacle	(b)	commercial	(c)	pinnacle	(d)	popular
4.	(a)	cornerstone	(b)	grindstone	(c)	millstone	(d)	milestone
5.	(a)	reflect	(b)	shine	(c)	polish	(d)	usurp
6.	(a)	dusted	(b)	paved	(c)	tarmacked	(d)	tiled
7.	(a)	Pry	(b)	Priority	(c)	Priory	(d)	Prior
8.	(a)	ending	(b)	amid	(c)	starter	(d)	middling
9.	(a)	aphid	(b)	avoid	(c)	avid	(d)	evade
10.	(a)	Herb	(b)	Coin	(c)	Menthol	(d)	Mint
11.	(a)	fingerprint	(b)	footprint	(c)	imprint	(d)	blueprint
12.	(a)	at	(b)	of	(c)	to	(d)	by

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. A etisrnpi copy
2. sold at otunaci
3. the nlcenpia of comic collecting
4. in nuepeddrctene condition
5. stureendt with this iconic book
6. a whole mugat of superhero comics

Paragraph 2

7. rroip to its sale
8. discovered it amid the ebsowcb
9. their mother was an idva comic collector
10. ltxymreee rare
11. the pbtleunir for the modern superhero
12. a lmobsy of hope

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

(***1***) A pristine copy of the very first self-titled Superman comic has been sold at auction for $9.12 million. This is a world

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( ) mother's house. The brothers said their mother was an avid comic collector, and that she had told

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( ) superhero. The character was a symbol of hope, justice, and "doing the right thing".

( ) them she had "rare comics somewhere". Half a million copies of Superman No. 1 were initially

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. pristine A of copy very the comic first .

2. This a is record world a for comic .

3. is Superman milestone a pop in history culture .

4. I'm to glad the see reflect price that .

5. was Heritage with entrusted iconic this book .

6. had It gathering been in dust attic the .

7. Three discovered brothers amid it cobwebs the .

8. Their was mother avid an collector comic .

9. Mint copies condition now are rare extremely .

10. The was character symbol a hope of .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2511/251124-superman-comic.html

A pristine copy of the very first *serf-titled / self-titled* Superman comic has been sold *at / to* auction for $9.12 million. This is a world record for a comic book. The *rare / rarified* publication was sold by Texas-based Heritage Auctions. Its vice-president, Lon Allen, called the record-breaking *edition / rendition* the "pinnacle of comic collecting". He said: "Superman No. 1 is a *milestone / millstone* in pop culture history, and this copy is not only in *unprecedented / unrepresented* condition, it also has a movie-worthy story behind it. I was glad to see the price *reflection / reflect* that, and I'm honoured that Heritage was *encrusted / entrusted* with this iconic book." Superman No. 1 first appeared on bookshelves in June 1939. It *tarmacked / paved* the way for a whole *gamut / mutt* of superhero comics.

Prior / Post to its sale, the record-breaking 86-year-old copy of Superman No. 1 had been gathering *must / dust* in the attic of a house in California. Three brothers discovered it *middling / amid* the cobwebs while cleaning out their *late / early* mother's house. The brothers said their mother was an *aphid / avid* comic collector, and that she had told them she had "rare comics somewhere". Half a million copies of Superman No. 1 were *initially / firstly* printed. One copy cost 10 cents. *Mint / Fortune* condition copies are now extremely rare because the comic invited readers to cut *on / off* the front cover to use as a poster. Superman No. 1 became the blueprint *at / for* the modern superhero. The character was a symbol *of / on* hope, justice, and "doing the right thing".

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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_ pr_st_n_ c_py _f th_ v_ry f_rst s_lf-t_tl_d S_p_rm_n c_m_c h_s b__n s_ld _t __ct__n f_r $9.12 m_ll__n. Th_s _s _ w_rld r_c_rd f_r _ c_m_c b__k. Th_ r_r_ p_bl_c_t__n w_s s_ld by T_x_s-b_s_d H_r_t_g_ __ct__ns. _ts v_c_-pr_s_d_nt, L_n _ll_n, c_ll_d th_ r_c_rd-br__k_ng _d_t__n th_ "p_nn_cl_ _f c_m_c c_ll_ct_ng". H_ s__d: "S_p_rm_n N_. 1 _s _ m_l_st_n_ _n p_p c_lt_r_ h_st_ry, _nd th_s c_py _s n_t _nly _n _npr_c_d_nt_d c_nd_t__n, _t _ls_ h_s _ m_v__-w_rthy st_ry b_h_nd _t. _ w_s gl_d t_ s__ th_ pr_c_ r_fl_ct th_t, _nd _'m h_n__r_d th_t H_r_t_g_ w_s _ntr_st_d w_th th_s _c_n_c b__k." S_p_rm_n N_. 1 f_rst _pp__r_d _n b__ksh_lv_s _n J_n_ 1939. _t p_v_d th_ w_y f_r _ wh_l_ g_m_t _f s_p_rh_r_ c_m_cs.

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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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a pristine copy of the very first selftitled superman comic has been sold at auction for 912 million this is a world record for a comic book the rare publication was sold by texasbased heritage auctions its vicepresident lon allen called the recordbreaking edition the pinnacle of comic collecting he said superman no 1 is a milestone in pop culture history and this copy is not only in unprecedented condition it also has a movieworthy story behind it i was glad to see the price reflect that and im honoured that heritage was entrusted with this iconic book superman no 1 first appeared on bookshelves in june 1939 it paved the way for a whole gamut of superhero comics

prior to its sale the recordbreaking 86yearold copy of superman no 1 had been gathering dust in the attic of a house in california three brothers discovered it amid the cobwebs while cleaning out their late mothers house the brothers said their mother was an avid comic collector and that she had told them she had rare comics somewhere half a million copies of superman no 1 were initially printed one copy cost 10 cents mint condition copies are now extremely rare because the comic invited readers to cut off the front cover to use as a poster superman no 1 became the blueprint for the modern superhero the character was a symbol of hope justice and doing the right thing

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FREE WRITING

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Write about **Superman** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

ACADEMIC WRITING

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Comics are better than novels. Discuss.

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. SUPERMAN: Make a poster about Superman. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. SUPERHEROES: Write a magazine article about teaching children in schools about superheroes and their positive messages. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on Superman. Ask him/her three questions about him. Give him/her three of your opinions of him. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1.	f	2.	a	3.	d	4.	b	5.	g	6.	e	7.	c
8.	m	9.	h	10.	i	11.	l	12.	k	13.	n	14.	j

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

1	F	2	F	3	T	4	T	5	T	6	T	7	F	8	T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. e	2. h	3. b	4. j	5. c
6. g	7. a	8. i	9. f	10. d

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. In pristine (perfect) condition
2. Texas
3. Pop culture history
4. June 1939
5. A whole gamut of superhero comics
6. Dust
7. The woman whose comic it was
8. Ten cents
9. The modern superhero
10. Doing the right thing

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. A pristine copy of the very first comic.
2. This is a world record for a comic.
3. Superman is a milestone in pop culture history.
4. I'm glad to see the price reflect that.
5. Heritage was entrusted with this iconic book.
6. It had been gathering dust in the attic.
7. Three brothers discovered it amid the cobwebs.
8. Their mother was an avid comic collector.
9. Mint condition copies are now extremely rare.
10. The character was a symbol of hope.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1.	b	2.	d	3.	c	4.	a	5.	b	6.	a	7.	c	8.	a	9.	d	10.	c

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)