

Lesson 17

The protagonist is really cool.

Target: Having a conversation about comics.

Vocabulary

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Comics



Related vocabulary

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| - an arch enemy / nemesis | - realism / to be realistic | - a protagonist |
| - character development | - an adaptation | - to be dorky |
| - to influence... / to be influential | - a tie in / a cross over | - a premise |
| - a graphic novel | - to publish / a publisher | - a backstory |
| - to subscribe / a subscription | - a critical success | - storytelling |
| - to be stereotypical | - to be in mint condition | - to be iconic |
| - a super power / a special ability | - indie comics | - a hero / heroine |

Conversation

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1 Use the questions below to have a conversation with your partner about the topic

Partner #1: Questions

1. What comic books are popular in your country and overseas? What was the first comic you read?
2. Do you think reading comic books is dorky?
3. What comic book characters do you related to / connect with the most?
4. Can you name some famous heros and their arch enemies?
5. Who are some really iconic characters? What are their super powers / special abilities?
6. What is a comic that has really good character development?
7. Do you think violent comic books and violent video games make people desensitized to violence?
8. Who do you think would win in a fight between _____ and _____? Why?
9. What do you know about: Gantz, Naruto, Bleach, One Piece, Kuroshitsuji, Death Note, D.Gray-Man, Dragonball, X-men, Watchmen, Wolverine, Green lantern, The Avengers, The Punisher, & The Fantastic Four?

Partner #2: Questions

1. What's the difference between a comic book, a comic strip, a graphic novel and a web comic?
2. Are realism and canon important in comic books? Why? Why not?
3. What do you think is arguably the best comic book ever? What is the premise for it?
4. Which publisher has the best comic books? Why? Have any of their books been critical successes?
5. What's a comic that has amazing visuals and looks incredibly realistic?
6. What cool crossovers or tie-ins do you know?
7. Which character has the most interesting backstory?
8. What should you put comic books in if you want to keep them in mint condition?
9. What do you know about: Batman, The Amazing Spiderman, The Incredible Hulk, Action Comics, Superman, History's Strongest Disciple Kenichi, Katekyo Hitman Reborn!, Kimi Ni Todoke, Justice League?

2 Complete one or more of the situations below

1. **Role play:** Partner #1: You want to get into comics, but you don't know anything. Ask for a suggestion.
Partner #2: Help your partner find the perfect comic book.
2. **Speech:** Explain how some popular comic book characters differ from one another.
3. **Speech:** Describe why you think people like to read comic books.
4. **Debate:** You think most comic book adaptations have been great but your partner disagrees.