


Nombre: _____

1. Read and answer

ROBIN HOOD



The story of Robin Hood, the most popular English hero of all times, is known by many people all over the world. There are many versions of this well-known story which is about 800 years old. Everybody knows Robin's friends (Little John, Brother Tuck, Will Scarlet), and the famous Sherwood Forest- Robin Hood's home and the place where many of his adventures happened. In other countries there are similar stories, such as William Tell in Switzerland, El Cid in Spain or Janosik in Poland, but only Robin Hood has become an "international" hero.

Unfortunately, there is almost no evidence that Robin Hood really existed. Many myths and legends talk about Robin Hood. However, none of them tells us if he really existed. In the 1800s and 1900s, historians found two Robin Hoods who lived in the fourteenth century. One of them was even King Edward II's servant. Later on, other historians found several different Hoods living in different parts of England- Robin was a popular Christian name and Hood was quite a common surname. It seems that by 1337, the story of Robin Hood was well established. Mostprobably, he livedaroundtheyear 1200.

1. Why is Robin Hood's story famous?

2. When did Robin Hood live?

3. The story of Robin Hood is especially popular in Switzerland, Spain and Poland. TRUE FALSE
4. William Tell was Robin's friend. TRUE FALSE
5. How many Robin Hoods did historians find?

2. Read about another popular hero and complete the blanks with a suitable linking word

Superman is the only survivor of the planet Krypton. His father, Jor-El, discovered that a nuclear chain reaction would soon destroy the entire world. " _____ I don't send my son away, he will die here," Jor-El thought. He _____ put his son Kal-El inside an experimental spaceship for travel through hyperspace.

Superman arrived on Earth _____ he was a small baby. Jonathan and Martha Kent found the infant and brought him to their farm in Smallville, Kansas. _____ he appeared entirely human, the Kentsthought that the baby was a victim of a cruel experiment. _____ they were not sure at first, in the end they adopted him and named him Clark.

At that time the baby had no super powers, but _____ Clark grew older his Kryptonian body began to develop superhuman abilities. Clark resolved to use his powers from _____ on only for the good of mankind. _____, Clark initially used his powers secretly to help people _____ prevent disasters. Soon, he had to use his powers in public to prevent the crash of a NASA space-plane. _____ that, he and his foster parents invented a new secret identity he would adopt when using his abilities in public. They called his new persona "Superman".



3. Complete the blanks with ONE word only

After revealing his secret to his childhood friend, Lana Lang, Clark left Smallville to study at Metropolis University. _____ of his parents were happy about it, but they accepted his choice. At first, both of _____ were worried, but when Clark obtained a job _____ a reporter for the Daily Planet they told him _____ they were really proud _____ him.

Superman is an idealist. He thinks he _____ promote "truth, justice, and the American way". He has proved over and over that he is a true hero and that he is not frightened _____ anything or anybody. He is not _____ to feel fear ... at least that's how he feels! Since Superman is a native of Krypton, a planet that had a red sun, under a yellow sun, his Kryptonian cells look _____ solar batteries: they absorb solar energy and give him superhuman powers. He possesses tremendous strength. While Superman's strength is not infinite, nobody _____ ever accurately measured it. His body is practically indestructible.

4. Complete with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. If there's a +, use a modal

"It all started with a mouse," Walt Disney said once. It's true. Mickey Mouse _____ (be) an international cartoon superstar for more than 80 years. Disney _____ (produce) his first black and white Mickey Mouse cartoon in 1928. It immediately became a great hit with both children and adults. Since then, Mickey _____ (star) in about 120 cartoons – often joined by the four famous characters Donald Duck, Minnie, Goofy and Pluto. They _____ (make) Mickey's adventures more colourful and amusing. Children all around the world still _____ (watch) Disney's cartoons and films every day. This is what he said in an interview:

"I remember that one day while I _____ (have) breakfast in my kitchen, I suddenly _____ (see) a mouse in my garden. At first I didn't want a mouse to be a cartoon star, but then one of my children said that it _____ (+be) a success. "You _____ (+be) right," I told him, but he was. In the future, I _____ (pay) more attention to my children's advice!"



5. Complete this interview with Monica Allen, an American writer who answers about her film heroes

Interviewer: Welcome to this week's edition of "Film Heroes" .Today we have the writer Monica Allen. Monica, _____ ?

Monica: For my generation, I think, err , James Dean and Marilyn Monroe.

Interviewer: _____ ?

Monica: Well, James Dean was brilliant and a symbol of youthful rebellion.

Interviewer: _____ ?

Monica: He made only three films.

Interviewer: _____ ?

Monica: Of course, I have seen his films several times.

Interviewer: _____ ?

Monica: Well ,he died in a car crash when he was very young and I think that event helped him to become a hero.

6. Composition. Write about 60 – 80 words on one of the following

- Write about a special memory in your life OR
- *The Amazing Adventures of ...*