Understand vocabulary in context – cloze procedure

Use the words in the box below to fill in the spaces in the paragraphs. Read the sentences to check the words that you use make sense. When you have finished this, find the meaning of the words from the box.

**Superheroes**

The earliest superheroes \_\_\_1\_\_\_ in comic books in the 1930s. Some of them such as Captain Marvel are less well known today but others from that\_\_\_2\_\_\_, Superman for example, are still with us. They appear in feature films, cartoons, on television, as well as in comics and a new type of fiction called ‘graphic novels’. Such is their \_\_\_3\_\_\_ that many of them – Batman, Superman and Wonder Woman, to name but three – are known throughout the world and their \_\_\_4\_\_\_ are told in many languages.

Of course, superheroes may be \_\_\_5\_\_\_ all over the world, but that does not mean that everybody likes them. Some people argue that their adventures are far-fetched and \_\_\_6\_\_\_. They are accused of having a harmful \_\_\_7\_\_\_ on children who put themselves in danger by copying their heroes’ impossible deeds. Others enjoy the stories for their excitement, \_\_\_8\_\_\_ and escape from reality. Fans \_\_\_9\_\_\_ in knowing every detail about their superheroes: their individual powers, their \_\_\_10\_\_\_ costumes, their unique physical features – even their family backgrounds.

While fans may be interested in the detailed differences between these characters, there are certain features they have in common and which they have to possess in order to qualify as ‘superheroes’.

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