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*Stan Lee: What makes a superhero? | TED Talk*

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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### superhero

*n.* a fictional hero who possesses extraordinary powers and abilities and is dedicated to protecting the public

(1) **superhero** movies, (2) **superhero** comics

Superman is a classic **superhero** known for his superhuman strength and flying ability.

### chakra

*n.* any of the seven energy centers in the human body, according to traditional Indian medicine and yoga philosophy

*synonym*: energy point, center, vortex

(1) **chakra** meditation, (2) healing **chakra**

Many people believe in the power of balancing their **chakras** for spiritual and physical wellness.

### invincible

*adj.* incapable of being conquered, defeated, or overcome; unassailable

*synonym*: unassailable, unbeatable, indomitable

(1) **invincible** army, (2) **invincible** will

The team felt **invincible** after their winning streak.

### outgrow

*v.* to grow too large for something; to grow taller or faster than another person

(1) **outgrow** my coat, (2) **outgrow** its usefulness

Bamboo will soon **outgrow** the other plants.

## superpower

*n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities

*synonym* : great power, empire, hegemony

(1) **superpower** country, (2) **superpower** leader

The ability to fly like a bird is often considered a **superpower** in comic books and movies.

## relive

*v.* to experience again or bring back the memory of a past event or time

*synonym* : revisit, recall, remember

(1) **relive** my youth, (2) **relive** moments

I like to watch old movies to **relive** memories of my childhood.

## comet

*n.* a celestial object consisting of a nucleus of ice and dust that goes around the sun

*synonym* : meteor, asteroid, meteoroid

(1) the surface of the **comet**, (2) **comet** Halley

The **comet's** bright tail could be seen in the night sky.

## believable

*adj.* able to be accepted or easily believed; convincing or plausible

*synonym* : plausible, credible, convincing

(1) **believable** story, (2) **believable** excuse

The novel's plot was so well-written that it seemed **believable** and realistic.

## overkill

*n.* an excessive or extreme amount of something, often used to describe an unnecessary or disproportionate use of force or resources

*synonym* : excessive, surplus, extreme

(1) **overkill** strategy, (2) marketing **overkill**

The excessive use of force by the police was an example of **overkill** in their attempt to arrest a suspect.

**provable**

*adj.* capable of being demonstrated or shown to be true; able to be verified through evidence or logical reasoning

*synonym*: evident, verifiable, demonstrable

(1) **provable** fact, (2) **provable** theory

The defense found no **provable** evidence to support the accusations against their client.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. ov\_\_\_\_ll strategy *n.* an excessive or extreme amount of something, often used to describe an unnecessary or disproportionate use of force or resources
2. su\_\_\_\_\_ro comics *n.* a fictional hero who possesses extraordinary powers and abilities and is dedicated to protecting the public
3. ch\_\_\_a meditation *n.* any of the seven energy centers in the human body, according to traditional Indian medicine and yoga philosophy
4. re\_\_\_e my youth *v.* to experience again or bring back the memory of a past event or time
5. inv\_\_\_\_\_le will *adj.* incapable of being conquered, defeated, or overcome; unassailable
6. co\_\_t Halley *n.* a celestial object consisting of a nucleus of ice and dust that goes around the sun
7. re\_\_\_e moments *v.* to experience again or bring back the memory of a past event or time
8. bel\_\_\_\_\_le story *adj.* able to be accepted or easily believed; convincing or plausible
9. ou\_\_\_\_\_w my coat *v.* to grow too large for something; to grow taller or faster than another person
10. healing ch\_\_\_a *n.* any of the seven energy centers in the human body, according to traditional Indian medicine and yoga philosophy

ANSWERS: 1. overkill, 2. superhero, 3. chakra, 4. relive, 5. invincible, 6. comet, 7. relive, 8. believable, 9. outgrow, 10. chakra

11. pr\_\_\_\_le theory *adj.* capable of being demonstrated or shown to be true; able to be verified through evidence or logical reasoning
12. inv\_\_\_\_\_le army *adj.* incapable of being conquered, defeated, or overcome; unassailable
13. sup\_\_\_\_\_er leader *n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
14. pr\_\_\_\_le fact *adj.* capable of being demonstrated or shown to be true; able to be verified through evidence or logical reasoning
15. ou\_\_\_\_\_w its usefulness *v.* to grow too large for something; to grow taller or faster than another person
16. su\_\_\_\_\_ro movies *n.* a fictional hero who possesses extraordinary powers and abilities and is dedicated to protecting the public
17. marketing ov\_\_\_\_\_ll *n.* an excessive or extreme amount of something, often used to describe an unnecessary or disproportionate use of force or resources
18. the surface of the co\_\_t *n.* a celestial object consisting of a nucleus of ice and dust that goes around the sun
19. bel\_\_\_\_\_le excuse *adj.* able to be accepted or easily believed; convincing or plausible
20. sup\_\_\_\_\_er country *n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities

ANSWERS: 11. provable, 12. invincible, 13. superpower, 14. provable, 15. outgrow, 16. superhero, 17. overkill, 18. comet, 19. believable, 20. superpower

ANSWERS:

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The ability to fly like a bird is often considered a \_\_\_\_\_ in comic books and movies.  
*n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
2. The team felt \_\_\_\_\_ after their winning streak.  
*adj.* incapable of being conquered, defeated, or overcome; unassailable
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ bright tail could be seen in the night sky.  
*n.* a celestial object consisting of a nucleus of ice and dust that goes around the sun
4. Superman is a classic \_\_\_\_\_ known for his superhuman strength and flying ability.  
*n.* a fictional hero who possesses extraordinary powers and abilities and is dedicated to protecting the public
5. I like to watch old movies to \_\_\_\_\_ memories of my childhood.  
*v.* to experience again or bring back the memory of a past event or time
6. The excessive use of force by the police was an example of \_\_\_\_\_ in their attempt to arrest a suspect.  
*n.* an excessive or extreme amount of something, often used to describe an unnecessary or disproportionate use of force or resources
7. The defense found no \_\_\_\_\_ evidence to support the accusations against their client.  
*adj.* capable of being demonstrated or shown to be true; able to be verified through evidence or logical reasoning

ANSWERS: 1. superpower, 2. invincible, 3. comet's, 4. superhero, 5. relive, 6. overkill, 7. provable

8. Many people believe in the power of balancing their \_\_\_\_\_ for spiritual and physical wellness.
- n.* any of the seven energy centers in the human body, according to traditional Indian medicine and yoga philosophy
9. Bamboo will soon \_\_\_\_\_ the other plants.
- v.* to grow too large for something; to grow taller or faster than another person
10. The novel's plot was so well-written that it seemed \_\_\_\_\_ and realistic.
- adj.* able to be accepted or easily believed; convincing or plausible

ANSWERS: 8. chakras, 9. outgrow, 10. believable