



## MARVELLOUS MARVEL

Read these questions before you listen to the Marvel Universe podcast. Then, put down your pencil and listen carefully. Afterwards, see how much you can answer!



What is special about the upcoming Marvel movie, Shang Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings?

- It won't have Stan Lee in an on-screen role
- It will be released on Disney Plus as well as in cinemas
- It will have the first Asian lead character in the Marvel Cinematic Universe



Why do you think it's called a "cinematic universe"? What is it about the Marvel system that makes it different from other series of movies?

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Why didn't Stanley Lieber want to use his real name when he wrote his first comic?

- He was in trouble with the police
- He wanted to be like Superman, Spider-man, and Batman, and have a secret identity
- He wanted to write 'serious' novels and didn't want anyone to know he'd also written comics



Have you ever read a comic book, or seen a superhero movie? Did you like it? Why or why not? If you haven't seen one, would you like to?

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## **WHY ARE SUPERHERO MOVIES SO POPULAR?**

A group of journalists who write about the movies thought long and hard about why superhero movies are such smash hits with both kids and adults. Read some of their reasons here, and answer the questions.



### **WE LOVE TO ESCAPE REALITY**

When life gets a bit overwhelming, it's nice to be able to watch a movie that has nothing to do with everyday life. Alien worlds and superhuman abilities are definitely not part of our every day!

What do you like to do when you feel overwhelmed? (Watch TV? Go for a walk? Swim?)

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### **WE LOVE THOSE WHO PROTECT THE WEAK**

Scientists say humans are hard-wired to admire those who stand up for someone who is being bullied or hurt. We love superheroes because they protect those who can't protect themselves.

Have you ever had someone stand up for you? Have you stood up for someone else? Tell us!

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### **WE LOVE TO SEE THE IMPOSSIBLE**

Experts say that superhero movies wouldn't be anywhere near as popular if the special and visual effects weren't as good. When we watch, our eyes really believe the amazing things we're seeing.

Which impossible superpower would you like to have? Why?

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### **WE LOVE THE FAMILIAR**

People are often afraid of the unknown. With a superhero movie, you know what to expect.

Would you rather go to your favourite park, or try somewhere new? Why/why not?

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