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Quick Questions



1. What helps the reader to understand what is happening in the pictures?



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3. Why do you think superheroes became a popular subject for comic books?



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Answers



1. What helps the reader to understand what is happening in the pictures?

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2. Why has the author started the final sentence of the text with 'amazingly'?

To show surprise and amazement at what he is going to say next.



3. Why do you think superheroes became a popular subject for comic books?

Accept any inferential answer, e.g. Because superhero adventures make very exciting stories. Their pictures are exciting to look at.



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