

3. RISE OF THE SUPERHEROES

While children in Britain loved comics with funny characters, the first American comic books were all about adventure.

They were full of cops, gangsters or science fiction heroes.



Then, in 1938, a new kind of hero made an appearance. *Action Comics* introduced the world to Superman, an alien from the planet Krypton.

Superman had amazing powers:

- He could run faster than a speeding bullet.
- He could lift incredible weights.
- He could see through solid objects.

Superman had a secret identity. He disguised himself as journalist Clark Kent by putting on a pair of glasses!



In the first comics Superman couldn't fly. He had to jump over tall buildings instead!