

# READING is a SUPERPOWER with Spotlight graphic novels & comic books!



## HULK SET 2

Comic book text is short, but that doesn't mean students don't learn a lot from it! Comic books and graphic novels can be used to teach reading processes and writing techniques, such as pacing, as well as expand vocabulary. Use this PDF to help students get more out of their comic book reading.

Here are some of the projects you can give to your students to make comics educational and enjoyable!

### CHARACTER RESEARCH

- Character Graph – Use the handout provided on page 2 to research information about the Hulk. Page 3 provides teachers with the answer key.
- Trivia Questions – Use the handout provided on page 4 to have students work independently, with a partner, or in a small group to research the trivia questions. Page 5 provides teachers with the answer key.

### CREATIVE WRITING PROJECTS

- Create a Superhero & Superheroine – Use the handout from page 6 to provide students the questions to answer in order to create the background information on their own superhero or superheroine.
- Create a Graphic Novel – Use the handout from page 7 to form small groups and ask the groups to create their own graphic novels over the course of a week.

### GLOSSARY WORDS

- A teacher reference list of all 5th and 6th grade level words found in the books with definitions is provided on pages 8-14. Please use as you like.
- Vocabulary Matching – Use the handouts on page 15-18 as games for students to match words to definitions. Answer sheet is on page 19.
- Vocabulary Words – Use the sheets on pages 20-23 to have students research and become comfortable using a dictionary to find the definitions of words. An answer sheet is on page 24.

### ANOTHER CLASSROOM IDEA

- Fluency Practice – Comic superheroes and villains are famous for their heroic or diabolical voices, and so comic books are a great opportunity for fluent, expressive read aloud activities. Have students read independently, aloud with a partner, or in small groups. Have the students add different voices for the characters and sound effects as they read aloud. Make a recording of their read aloud and play it back.

# CHARACTER RESEARCH

## The Hulk

Directions: Research the Hulk on the Internet to find the information.

Special Power(s):

Appearance  
(What does their  
costume look like?):

CHARACTER NAME:

ALTER EGO:

How did the  
superhero get  
their power?

Who created the  
character and when  
did he first appear?

Write any other interesting information about the character:

# CHARACTER RESEARCH-CHARACTER GRAPH ANSWERS

## The Hulk

**CHARACTER NAME:** *The Hulk*

**ALTER EGO:** *Dr. Bruce Banner*

**SPECIAL POWER(S):** *Incredible feats of strength*

**APPEARANCE (WHAT DOES THEIR COSTUME LOOK LIKE?):** *Large, green, and muscular*

**HOW DID THE SUPERHERO GET THEIR POWER?** *He was exposed to a blast of a gamma bomb he invented*

**WHO CREATED THE CHARACTER AND WHEN DID IT FIRST APPEAR?** *Stan Lee/Jack Kirby - 1962*

**WRITE ANY OTHER INTERESTING INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHARACTER.** *Answers will vary. One is: Hulk's alter ego in the comic books is Dr. Bruce Banner, but the television show creators changed his name to David Banner because they didn't want people to think it was a comic book show.*

# **TRIVIA QUESTIONS**

## **The Hulk**

- 1. What is the Hulk's real name?**
- 2. How did the Hulk get his superpowers?**
- 3. Who created the Hulk and when did he first appear?**
- 4. What color was the Hulk in the first issue of the comic?**
- 5. What is the Hulk's former occupation?**
- 6. When does the Hulk's superpowers come out?**
- 7. Who did the creators of the Hulk base the character on?**
- 8. Who is the Hulk's arch-rival?**

# TRIVIA QUESTIONS-ANSWERS

## The Hulk

**1. What is Hulk's real name?**

*Dr. Bruce Banner*

**2. How did the Hulk get his superpowers?**

*Accidental overdose of Gamma Radiation*

**3. Who created the Hulk and when did he first appear?**

*Stan Lee & Jack Kirby/ 1962*

**4. What color was the Hulk in the first issue of the comic?**

*Grey*

**5. What is the Hulk's former occupation?**

*Physicist*

**6. When does the Hulk's superpowers come out?**

*His power is directly related to his emotional stress, especially anger. The madder he gets, the stronger he gets.*

**7. Who did the creators of the Hulk base the character on?**

*Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde and Frankenstein*

**8. Who is the Hulk's arch-rival?**

*The Abomination*

# Create a SUPERHERO & SUPERHEROINE

You can create a superhero or superheroine.

On a separate sheet of paper, answer the following questions:

## WHO ARE YOU?

What's your superhero's name? Describe & draw your emblem & costume. Describe & draw vehicles your hero uses, if any.

## WHAT ARE YOU?

What kind of superhero are you? Do you have superpowers, like Spider-Man, or are you a human being who uses inventions and gadgets, like Batman? Research the different kinds of superheroes. List your superpowers and weaknesses.

## WHO ELSE IS THERE?

Every superhero battles villains, makes friends, falls in love. List the names of your arch enemies, friends & allies, and the loved ones in your character's life.

## HOW DID YOU START?

How did your hero get started? A science experiment gone wrong, or a tragic event that makes you want to fight crime? Describe your origins, secret identity, your hideout, your hero's motivation, and other parts of your hero's story.

## TYPES OF SUPERHEROES

NOTE: This list was adapted from several online sources. Many online forums discuss the types of superheroes. Select one, or mix & match hero types for your project.

**Armored Hero:** A gadgeteer whose powers are derived from a suit of powered armor, e.g. Iron Man, Steel. **Blasters:** A hero whose main power is a distance attack, usually an "energy blast" e.g., Cyclops, Starfire, Static. **Brick/Tank:** A character with a superhuman degree of strength and endurance and usually an oversized, muscular body, such as The Thing or The Hulk. **Elementalist:** A hero who controls some natural element or part of the natural world, e.g., Storm (weather), Polaris (magnetism), the Human Torch (fire). **Gadgeteer:** A hero who invents special equipment that often imitates superpowers, such as Batman. **Mage:** A hero who is trained in the use of magic, or discovers power from an ancient relic. **Martial Artist:** A hero whose physical abilities are mostly human but whose hand-to-hand combat skills are phenomenal. **Mentalist:** A hero who possesses psionic abilities, such as telekinesis, telepathy and extra-sensory perception, for example, Professor X or Jean Grey from X-Men. **Shapeshifter:** A hero who can manipulate his/her own body to suit his/her needs, such as stretching (Mister Fantastic, Plastic Man) or disguise (Changeling, Mystique). **Size changer:** A shapeshifter who can alter his/her size, becoming huge or super-small, like The Atom. **Slasher:** A hero whose main power is some form of hand-to-hand cutting weapon, either devices, such as knives or swords (Zorro), or natural, such as claws (Wolverine). **Speedster:** A hero possessing superhuman speed and reflexes, e.g., The Flash, Quicksilver

# Create a GRAPHIC NOVEL

It takes many people to create a graphic novel. Writers and artists bring their talents together to create an illustrated story. You can work with your classmates to create a graphic novel.

Here's what you need:

- 1. WRITERS** - choose an author or two to write the story. Authors will work with the pencillers to decide narration, dialog, panel divisions, pacing, and descriptions of the art.
- 2. PENCILLERS** - choose artists to draw the panels in pencil. Pencillers will work with the authors to draw exactly what they envision. Pencillers will also work with letterers to provide enough space for the text and sound effects.
- 3. INKERS** - choose artists with a steady hand to outline the panels and important art in them. Inkers will work with the pencillers to decide what needs bold outlines.
- 4. COLORISTS** - choose detail-oriented people to color the inked panels. Colorists have to keep colors consistent throughout the panels. Colorists will work with writers and pencillers to get the correct colors in the panels.
- 5. LETTERERS** - choose someone to insert the narration and dialog into the panels. Letterers work with pencillers to make sure there is enough room for the text. Letterers also work with the writers to make sure the text is in the correct place.
- 6. PRODUCTION MANAGER** - one person will need to oversee the entire project. He or she will coordinate the different team members and make sure they are able to talk to each other. The production manager will also create a schedule and make sure each team member follows it to complete the novel.

# GLOSSARY WORDS

## The Hulk: The Hulks Take Manhattan – 52 terms

- absorb** - to take in.
- affectionately** - lovingly.
- ameliorate** - to make better.
- automatically** - moving or working by itself.
- brainiac** - a very smart person.
- client** - a customer who uses someone's professional services.
- cloak and dagger** - a term used to refer to secret or mysterious situations.
- conspiracy** - secret planning to do an unlawful or wrongful act.
- covert** - secret; hidden.
- deductive** - relating to the drawing of a conclusion by reasoning.
- destruction** - the state of being destroyed.
- determine** - to make up one's mind very firmly.
- devoted** - very loyal or faithful.
- dupe** - short for duplicate, which is a double of something.
- duplicates** - doubles of something.
- durability** - how long something can be used without wearing out.
- enhanced** - improved the value, quality, or attractiveness of something.
- essentially** - in a basic or fundamental way.
- extraneous** - not an essential part of a group or thing.
- gamma radiation** - electromagnetic radiation that cause serious damage to living tissue; also known as gamma rays.
- generate** - to bring about; create.
- idiot** - a foolish person.
- impact** - the crashing together of two things or the effect of such a crash.
- intelligence** - the ability to learn and understand.
- irony** - an event or outcome that is the opposite of what was expected.
- kinetic** - energizing or lively.
- momentum** - a moving object's speed or force that is caused by its weight and motion.
- multiple** - many.
- mutation** - the act of suddenly changing the genes of a human, a plant, or an animal.
- paranoid** - overly suspicious.
- particle** - a very small part of matter.
- physics** - the science that deals with energy, such as light, heat, sound, electricity, and force.
- prequels** - works, such as novels or movies, whose stories come before that of earlier works.
- prodigious** - large or wonderful.
- profile** - level of activity that brings about attention.
- protocols** - official ways of doing something.
- proverbial** - commonly spoken of.
- recalibrate** - to readjust something.
- reclaiming** - restoring to an earlier state.
- redirect** - to change the direction of something.
- replicate** - making a copy of something.
- resides** - present as a part of something.
- reverts** - goes back to the way something was.
- simian** - monkey.
- stall** - a small, closed-in space.
- suffice** - to be enough.
- technically** - done by laws or rules.

**GLOSSARY WORDS: The Hulk: The Hulks Take Manhattan - 52 terms**  
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**terminating** - ending.

**trajectory** - the curve that a body travels along in space.

**transform** - to change composition.

**unfortunately** - having bad luck.

**villain** - an evil person.

# Glossary Words

## The Hulk: Is HeMan or Monster Or... Is He Both? – 42 terms

**aborting** - ending before something is complete.

**alpha-class** - first class, or the highest in rank.

**atomic** - having to do with atoms.

**cellular** - of or relating to cells of the body.

**combatants** - people who fight or are ready to fight in battle.

**destruction** - the state of being destroyed.

**detonate** - to set off or explode.

**development** - growth or progress.

**emotional** - showing a strong feeling.

**facility** - a building built for a specific purpose, such as a jail.

**gamma radiation** - electromagnetic radiation that cause serious damage to living tissue; also known as gamma rays.

**gamma-spawned** - created by gamma radiation, which is the electromagnetic radiation that cause serious damage to living tissue.

**inorganic** - made up of matter that does not come from plants or animals.

**insignificant** - not important.

**insurgents** - people who are against the government.

**intern** - a student gaining guided practical experience in a professional field.

**invested** - put time and effort into something for benefit or advantage.

**maternal** - relating to a mother or related through one's mother's side of the family.

**migration** - the act of moving from one place to another, often to find food.

**mutation** - the act of suddenly changing the genes of a human, a plant, or an animal.

**nonlethal** - not deadly.

**nuclear** - relating to the energy let out by tiny particles called atoms.

**particles** - very small parts of matter.

**physics** - the science that deals with energy, such as light, heat, sound, electricity, and force.

**predict** - to guess something ahead of time on the basis of observation, experience, or reasoning.

**prediction** - the act of guessing something ahead of time based on observation, experience, or reasoning.

**prototype** - a new type of design or construction.

**pulse** - a constant beating or throbbing.

**puny** - less in power, size, or importance; weak.

**radiation** - the transfer of heat through matter or space in the form of waves or particles.

**requisitions** - demands from authorities that something be done, given, or supplied.

**research** - careful study of a subject to learn more about it.

**residual** - remaining.

**restrained** - kept from moving.

**theory** - an opinion or a believed reason.

**transform** - to change composition.

**trigger** - to begin or set in motion.

**unique** - being the only one of its kind.

**uranium** - a silver-white radioactive metal that is used as a source of nuclear energy.

**variable** - able to change.

**wavelength** - the distance between the peak of one wave and the peak of the wave next to it.

# Glossary Words

## The Hulk: Mayhem! – 62 terms

**absorb** - to take in.

**acceleration** - the act of speeding up.

**adage** - an old, widely known saying.

**affectionately** - lovingly.

**aliases** - fake names for people, usually to hide who they really are.

**avalanche** - a large amount of snow, dirt, or other material that slides down a mountainside or over a cliff.

**bandwidth** - a measure of available or used data communication resources.

**bombastic** - boastful or inflated.

**cellular** - of or relating to cells of the body.

**civilians** - people who aren't in the military.

**commentary** - comments or notes.

**confirmed** - established; not likely to change.

**corrupting** - behaving dishonestly or improperly.

**debris** - bits and pieces of rocks.

**desire** - a strong want or wish for something.

**despite** - without being stopped by.

**destiny** - fate; that which must happen because of fate or luck.

**destruction** - the state of being destroyed.

**devoted** - very loyal or faithful.

**distracted** - to have caused a loss of focus or direction.

**dramatic** - exciting.

**duplicates** - makes a double of something.

**emissions** - substances let out into the air.

**exoskeleton** - a hard, supportive structure on the outside of the body.

**gamma radiation** - electromagnetic radiation that cause serious damage to living tissue; also known as gamma rays.

**glitch** - an unexpected problem.

**idiot** - a foolish person.

**impact** - the crashing together of two things or the effect of such a crash.

**impressive** - able to affect one's mind or feelings.

**inferior** - of poorer quality.

**intent** - giving full attention to.

**inventory** - stock or goods on hand.

**invulnerable** - not able to be injured or harmed.

**isolated** - set apart from others.

**kinetic** - energizing or lively.

**maniac** - a crazy person.

**matrix** - something that gives form to something else inside of it.

**mission** - an assigned task or job.

**nano-nuclear** - very small and having to do with the letting out of energy from tiny particles called atoms.

**negotiating** - working out an agreement about the terms of something.

**nuclear** - relating to the energy let out by tiny particles called atoms.

**ordnance** - military supplies.

**parka** - a heavy winter jacket.

**particle** - a very small part of matter.

**personality** - the set of feelings and behaviors that make a person different from other people.

**physicist** - a scientist of physics, which is the science that deals with energy, such as light, heat, sound, electricity, and force.

**priority** - something most important.

## **GLOSSARY WORDS: The Hulk: Mayhem! - 62 terms**

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**puny** - less in power, size, or importance; weak.

**radiation** - the transfer of heat through matter or space in the form of waves or particles.

**radioactive** - having energy that is created from the breaking up of tiny particles called atoms.

**reactor core** - refers to the inner part of a nuclear reactor where nuclear reactions take place.

**reconfiguration** - the act of rearranging the parts or the pattern made by something.

**recruiting** - finding new members for a group or activity.

**subwoofers** - loudspeakers that give only very low sounds.

**terrorists** - people who use violence to threaten other people or governments.

**threat** - a person or a thing that makes statements of planning to do harm.

**transform** - to change composition.

**transport** - the act of carrying something from one place to another.

**ultimate** - most important.

**unscientific** - not showing scientific methods or knowledge.

**vibrations** - small back-and-forth movements.

**world-renowned** - known around the world.

# Glossary Words

## The Hulk: Radioactive – 62 terms

**absorb** - to take in.

**adjusting** - bringing to a better state.

**adrenal** - relating to the adrenal glands, which are two glands near the kidney that produce a hormone.

**adrenaline** - a hormone that increases heart rate in reaction to stress or fear.

**affectionately** - lovingly.

**alliance** - people, groups, or nations joined for a common cause.

**burly** - strong; heavily built.

**cellular** - of or relating to cells of the body.

**corresponding** - to be equal in meaning or structure.

**deploying** - moving into position for a purpose, such as army troops deployed for battle.

**design** - to make or draw plans for a certain goal.

**destruction** - the state of being destroyed.

**devoted** - very loyal or faithful.

**dynamic** - energetic or forceful.

**electromagnetic pulse** - a strong form of radiation created by a nuclear blast high above Earth's surface. It is believed to disable electronic systems.

**escalates** - gains in degree or amount.

**escalation** - the act of gaining in degree or amount.

**exoskeleton** - a hard, supportive structure on the outside of the body.

**exponential** - relating to a type of mathematical statement.

**facility** - a building built for a specific purpose, such as a jail.

**frail** - weak.

**gamma radiation** - electromagnetic radiation that cause serious damage to living tissue; also known as gamma rays.

**generate** - to bring about; create.

**genes** - tiny parts of an animal or plant cell that are passed on to the animal or plant's offspring.

**goliath** - a giant.

**guardian** - someone who takes care of another person or another person's property.

**impressed** - to be surprised, in a good way, by something someone has done.

**irony** - an event or outcome that is the opposite of what was expected.

**medulla** - the inner part of a body organ, such as the kidney or adrenal gland.

**menace** - a threatening or dangerous person.

**millirad** - a measurement of absorbed radiation.

**mobile** - easily moved.

**monitors** - video screen used for display.

**mutated** - suddenly changed the genes of a human, a plant, or an animal.

**nuclear** - relating to the energy let out by tiny particles called atoms.

**null** - having no elements; zero.

**physicist** - a scientist of physics, which is the science that deals with energy, such as light, heat, sound, electricity, and force.

**predictable** - able to be guessed ahead of time on the basis of observation, experience, or reasoning.

**prodded** - poked with something.

**profile** - a head or face seen or drawn from the side.

**provoke** - to anger or annoy.

**psycho** - short for psychopath, which is a mentally ill or unstable person.

**puny** - less in power, size, or importance; weak.

**quadratic** - relating to a quadratic equation, which is a type of mathematical statement.

**radiation** - the transfer of heat through matter or space in the form of waves or particles.

**radioactive** - having energy that is created from the breaking up of tiny particles called atoms.

**GLOSSARY WORDS: The Hulk: Radioactive - 62 terms**  
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**replication** - the act or process of making a copy of something.

**response** - a reaction.

**rile** - to anger or upset.

**satellite** - a man-made object that is launched from the earth into orbit.

**scouring** - looking at thoroughly and quickly.

**secretes** - makes and lets out a substance.

**sensitive** - easily affected.

**spawned** - created.

**symbol** - an item or picture that means something.

**transform** - to change composition.

**transformer** - a device that sends electrical energy from one circuit to another.

**trigger** - to begin or set in motion.

**unconscious** - not being awake or aware of one's surroundings.

**villain** - an evil person.

**yahoos** - stupid people.

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## The Hulk: The Hulks Take Manhattan

Directions: Match the words to their definitions.

determine \_\_\_\_\_

1) goes back to the way something was

reverts \_\_\_\_\_

2) an event or outcome that is the opposite of what was expected

stall \_\_\_\_\_

3) a very small part of matter

villain \_\_\_\_\_

4) to make up one's mind very firmly

irony \_\_\_\_\_

5) a small, closed-in space

particle \_\_\_\_\_

6) an evil person

Find a sentence in the book that contains one of the words from above. Write the sentence.

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## VOCABULARY MATCHING

# The Hulk: Is He Man or Monster Or... Is He Both?

Directions: Match the words to their definitions.

theory \_\_\_\_\_

1) a constant beating or throbbing

pulse \_\_\_\_\_

2) not deadly

nonlethal \_\_\_\_\_

3) of or relating to cells of the body

cellular \_\_\_\_\_

4) put time and effort into something for benefit or advantage

invested \_\_\_\_\_

5) relating to the energy let out by tiny particles called atoms

nuclear \_\_\_\_\_

6) an opinion or a believed reason

Find a sentence in the book that contains one of the words from above. Write the sentence.

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# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## The Hulk: Mayhem!

Directions: Match the words to their definitions.

subwoofers \_\_\_\_\_

1) a heavy winter jacket

threat \_\_\_\_\_

2) small back-and-forth movements

parka \_\_\_\_\_

3) something most important

inventory \_\_\_\_\_

4) stock or goods on hand

priority \_\_\_\_\_

5) loudspeakers that give only very low sounds

vibrations \_\_\_\_\_

6) a person or a thing that makes statements of planning to do harm

Find a sentence in the book that contains one of the words from above. Write the sentence.

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# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## The Hulk: Radioactive

Directions: Match the words to their definitions.

sensitive \_\_\_\_\_

1) to begin or set in motion

trigger \_\_\_\_\_

2) to anger or upset

response \_\_\_\_\_

3) to change composition

rile \_\_\_\_\_

4) easily affected

transform \_\_\_\_\_

5) poked with something

prodded \_\_\_\_\_

6) a reaction

Find a sentence in the book that contains one of the words from above. Write the sentence.

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# VOCABULARY MATCHING-ANSWERS

## The Hulk

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### Is He Man or Monster Or... Is He Both?

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## VOCABULARY WORDS

# The Hulk: The Hulks Take Manhattan

Directions: Write the definitions to the vocabulary words below.

**brainiac**

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**particle**

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**redirect**

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**villain**

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**absorb**

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## VOCABULARY WORDS

# The Hulk: Is He Man or Monster Or... Is He Both?

Directions: Write the definitions to the vocabulary words below.

**atomic**

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**pulse**

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**insignificant**

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**mutation**

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**migration**

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# VOCABULARY WORDS

## The Hulk: Mayhem!

Directions: Write the definitions to the vocabulary words below.

**aliases**

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**exoskeleton**

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**civilians**

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**parka**

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**recruiting**

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# VOCABULARY WORDS

## The Hulk: Radioactive

Directions: Write the definitions to the vocabulary words below.

**alliance**

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**monitors**

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**facility**

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**response**

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**trigger**

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# VOCABULARY WORDS-ANSWERS

## The Hulk

### The Hulk: The Hulks Take Manhattan

**brainiac** – a very smart person.

**particle** – a very small part of matter.

**redirect** – to change the direction of something.

**villain** – an evil person.

**absorb** – to take in.

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