We are going to learn about the comic book superhero Batman.
What animals can you see in the picture? Are you afraid of them?
Can you guess who this **superhero** is? This is Batman, also known as the Dark Knight. He wears a gray and black costume with a bat on it, which is his **trademark**.

**Word Focus**

- McDonald’s **trademark** is the letter “M”.
- What would your **trademark** be?
The superhero Batman first appeared in American comic books in 1939, and his stories have been enjoyed by many generations. This very successful superhero has been featured in countless movies and computer games. He is even listed as one of President Obama’s favorite superheroes!

Grammar Focus

- A suffix is added at the end of a base word to modify its meaning.
- **Base word + suffix**
- E.g., **success + ful = successful**
Batman is a superhero without superpowers, but children love to read the comics to discover what new tricks Batman will use to save Gotham City from villains like The Joker and Catwoman.

What kind of superhero is Batman? Why do children read Batman comics?
One interesting fact is that Batman can **conquer** the evil villains using only his special **weapons**, strength, and intelligence. This is why the character of Batman is so appealing to kids.

**Word Focus**

- The man climbed all day to **conquer** the mountain.
- What could you use to **conquer** villains?
Read the clues in the boxes and use the Word Bank to find the answers.

**The Joker**
- villain
- green hair
- person happy face

**Word Bank**
- comic
- superhero
- villain
- bat
- trademark
- **The Joker**

**Clues**
- person strong powers kind
- book cartoon Batman
- animal
- black
- night fly
- sign McDonald’s “M”
- person evil fight conquer
Discuss with the teacher and predict what will happen.

- There’s something flying in the sky. → It looks like a black animal. → The animal sees a bug. → A bat is flying and will eat the bug.
- You are a superhero and you see a villain. → The villain has taken a lot of money from an old lady. → You have the superpower to fly. → ?
- You are a superhero flying in the sky. → You can see a plane flying towards you. → The plane is very fast. → ?
- You catch a villain in the street. → The police arrive at the spot. → The police put the villain in the police car. → ?
In this lesson, we...

- learned about the comic book superhero Batman.
- learned new words:
  - superhero
  - comic
  - villain
  - trademark
  - weapon
  - conquer