

# FROM COMIC BOOK TO FILM



The world first met Spider-Man in 1962. It was in the comic book *Amazing Fantasy* No. 15. People loved him

from the first day. But there were already other super-heroes around. Did the world need another one? Well, Marvel Comics thought so.



*Amazing Fantasy* No. 15

Spider-Man wasn't the same as other super-heroes. He was very strong but he also had problems. His readers had the same problems! And he lived in a great city: New York. Spider-Man is still many people's favourite super-hero.

Who is your favourite super-hero? Why?



A Spider-Man comic from 1964



Stan Lee thought of these names before he decided on 'Spider-Man':  
 Insect Man Fly Man Bug Man  
 Can you think of a name for a super-hero?

## SPIDER-MAN: THE FACTS

- 1962** Stan Lee tells Marvel Comics he has an idea for a new super-hero – he shows them pictures of Spider-Man.
- 1962** *Amazing Fantasy* No. 15 is in the shops with the first Spider-Man story. Stan Lee writes it and Steve Ditko does the pictures.
- 1967** Spider-Man is made into an animation. He's on TV for the first time.
- 1977** A man plays Spider-Man on TV. But the show doesn't look great and the fans don't like it.
- 1994** *Spider-Man: The Animated Series*. This was one of the best animated shows of all time. Spider-Man fans loved it.
- 2001** Tobey Maguire stars as Spider-Man in cinemas all over the world. The film is one of Hollywood's biggest hits of all time.

What do these words mean? You can use a dictionary.  
 comic super-hero animation / animated fan