

Asterix Comic Book

Reading Assignment 001

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Learners' Grid Reading: Skills Set 04:01 ACTIVITIES Total Marks: 43

Worksheet is suitable for any Asterix comic book. Learners' Grid, https://www.learnersgrid.com/english/englishindex.html AJBerghuis,2004-2019©



Vocabulary Skills Builder

1. Give an example of an idiom [what?] from your chosen Asterix comic book. [1 mark]

2. Give your own <u>euphemism [what?]</u> to describe any character from your chosen Asterix comic book who is **not** one of the *"regular"* characters. [1 mark]

3. **Word play**. Most character names in Asterix comic books are a play on words. Explain the word play jokes of 3 characters' names. [3 marks]

4. **Puns**. Asterix comic books contain many <u>puns [what?]</u>. Identify any <u>pun</u> from your chosen Asterix comic book and explain its meaning. [1 mark]

5. Write an example of <u>hyperbole [what?]</u> relating to one of the cartoon panels on the final page of your chosen Asterix comic book. [1 mark]

6. Write a <u>simile [what?]</u> relating to one of the regular Gaulish characters from Asterix's village. [1 mark]

7. Write a <u>metaphor [what?]</u> relating to one of the regular Gaulish characters from Asterix's village (a different character to the one you used for *question 6*, above). [1 mark]

8. Read the below text which you must read and re-write in your exercise book correctly. There are 6 errors.

Asterix is my favorite character in this series of comics. I like it when he drinks the majic poshion because that's when alot of the action really begins. Julius Caesar is Asterix's bigest enemy, and he is always trying to put Asterix into difficult situations. [3 marks]

Comprehension Skills Builder

9. Draw a <u>plot summary flow chart [what?]</u> to outline a plot summary of your chosen Asterix comic book. Note down only the <u>most important</u> events of the chapter, and add one or two details for each event as necessary. [6 marks]

10. Choose one of the main characters of your book who is NOT one of the regular Gauls from Asterix's village. Choose an **animal** you feel this character is **most** like - most similar to - and then give a full explanation to highlight the similarities. [3 marks]

11. Which character in your book are you **MOST** like? Who are you most similar to? Explain your decision. [2 marks]

12. What is the setting for your book. You should think about the book's setting in place and time. [1 mark]

13. Asterix is known for his resourcefulness. Explain how Asterix demonstrates his cunning/resourcefulness in your chosen Asterix comic book. [2 marks]

14. Asterix comic books have been criticised for using racial stereotyping for cheap laughs or comedic effects. Identify an example of any kind of stereotyping in the Asterix comic book you have chosen. [2 marks] [Help!]

15. Select any two characters from the Asterix comic book you have chosen, and *compare* and contrast these characters using a Venn Diagram. [3 marks] [Help!]

16. Write a "complaint letter" to the editor (i.e. a letter to the editor of a newspaper) about a character in the text. You are not happy about this character and/or what they are doing or what they have done. Give details and use emotive language to make your complaint more realistic. (You can do this task by hand or use your laptop or other device.) [4 marks]

Extension and Enrichment Challenge



17. Find out about any ONE of the gods mentioned in your chosen Asterix comic book. Write a brief, but informative *biography* ensuring you cover the following: name, what they were god of, their characteristics/traits (appearance, symbols, personality, and so on), and some extra information which is interesting! Take your time - find something cool to share! [4 marks]



18. Make two **Flippaz cards** about the god you choose for *question 17* above. Your questions (and answers!) should help the reader learn about the god you researched. [4 marks] [How to make a "Flippaz Card"]