

# A job for superheroes?

## Cast

TV crew  
presenter  
camera operator  
director  
director's assistant  
3 reporters  
studio audience

## Superheroes

Lightning Boy (or Girl)  
Strong Man (or Woman)  
Elastico  
Mystery Girl (or Boy)



## Scene 1: The studio

*[Director checks the TV programme: the presenter is sitting looking into the camera.]*

**Director** Is everyone ready?

*[Director's assistant holds up a clapperboard. It's got, 'A job for superheroes' on it.]*

**Director** Three, two, one ... Action!

**Presenter** Good afternoon. Today we are talking about a serious problem in our school. To solve this problem, we have some special guests. Can we meet our guests, please?

*[Studio audience claps. Lightning Boy comes in through the door.]*

**Presenter** Thank you for coming, and your name is ...

**Lightning Boy** I am Lightning Boy. I can run really fast and I can do lots of things really quickly. I am a really, really fast superhero.

**Presenter** Welcome to the programme. And our next guest is ....

*[Studio audience claps: Strong Man comes in through the door.]*

**Presenter** And what's your name, please?

**Strong Man** I am Strong Man. I can lift one tonne and I can carry it for three kilometres. And this is my friend Elastico ...

*[Studio audience claps. Elastico comes in through the door.]*

**Elastico** Hi everyone! I can stretch my body. My arms are five metres long and I am really elastic!

**Presenter** Thank you! And our final guest is, ... Mystery Girl.

*[Other superheroes look confused.]*

**Lightning Boy** Mystery Girl? Who's mystery girl?

*[A small girl comes through the door – very normal, no obvious superpowers.]*

**Presenter** Er ... Mystery Girl. What's your superpower?

**Mystery Girl** I can't tell you. It's a mystery.

**Presenter** *[to the audience]* Er ... OK. Well, why are we here? What's the big problem? Why do we need superheroes?

*[Presenter reaches forward and lifts the blanket off the table. Under the blanket is a lot of rubbish – crisp packets, plastic bottles, pieces of paper, a pizza box.]*

**Presenter** And the answer is ... rubbish! Our school is full of rubbish and we can't get rid of it! Can you solve this problem, superheroes?

**Lightning Boy** This is a job for ... Lightning Boy! I can solve your problem! Watch me in action!

*[He runs out of the door.]*

**Strong Man** ... and me too! Come on Elastico! Let's use our superpowers!

*[They run out of the door. Mystery Girl is still sitting by the table. She looks at the audience, shrugs and walks slowly out of the door.]*

**Presenter** And now we go to our outside reporters – they are reporting from the action.

**Director** Camera crew! Follow those superheroes! And where's my assistant? Who is Mystery Girl? Find out now!

## Scene 2: The playground

*[Reporters 1, 2 and 3 report on the action – very loud, like a report on a race. Superheroes mime the activities.]*

**Reporter 1** The superheroes are moving into action. Lightning Boy is running round the playground. He's picking up lots of paper and putting it in the bin. He's moving really fast ...

**Reporter 2** Strong Man is fantastic! He's carrying ten rubbish bins in one hand – and twelve bins in the other hand!

**Reporter 3** Elastico is stretching her arms. She's picking up all the rubbish by the school gate. Now she's running towards Lightning Boy and Strong Man ... oh no! They're going to ...

CRASH!

## Scene 3: The studio

**Presenter** And the result from our superheroes is ... nothing. They can't solve the problem of our rubbish! What can we do?

**Mystery Girl** Er ... I've got an idea.

**Presenter** Oh ... what?

**Mystery Girl** Picking up rubbish isn't a job for superheroes. It's a job for everyone – for you *[pointing at the audience]* and you ... and you!

**Presenter** Of course! You're right. We can all solve this problem together. But what is your superpower?

**Mystery Girl** I'm, er ... intelligent. Intelligence is the only superpower you need.

