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# Quick Questions

1. When were superheroes first created?

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2. Find and copy two verbs which mean the same as 'fighting'

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3. Why do you think that Anaconda is 'not immortal'?

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# Answers

1. When were superheroes first created?
   **Accept: late 1930s**

2. Find and copy two verbs which mean the same as 'fighting'
   **Accept 'tackling' and 'battling'**

3. Why do you think that Anaconda is 'not immortal'?
   **Accept an explanation that despite being able to heal his own wounds, if they are severe he is unable to, which would mean that he could die in this situation.**

4. Who do you think is more powerful: Lightning Girl or Anaconda? Explain your reasons why.
   **Accept any reasonable explanation that links to the text – Lightning Girl because she was trained by Anaconda and can use magic / Anaconda because he can heal his own wounds and has an invisible, strong exoskeleton.**