How to Read a Comic

Panels are frames that each contain one segment of the action. Panels can be any shape or size. Read the panels from left to right, top to bottom.

Word balloons contain character dialogue. The tail of the bubble points to the speaker. Sometimes different colors, shapes, or fonts are used to show the personality of a character.

Captions usually contain narration but sometimes dialogue or other text information.

Gutters are the spaces between panels. This is where the reader must imagine the action from panel to panel.

Slow down! Read both the text and the pictures. Think about what is happening between the panels.
This is the Earth, as far as planets go, it’s kind of a big deal...

...both natural...

...and those we ourselves have created.

It’s a world filled with wonders...

But there is nothing on all the Earth more wondrous than the billions of people who call it home.

Because we all have something special within us:

The ability to imagine a better world and then take action to make it real.

And isn’t that a kind of superpower?

And if we use that power to help others, then wouldn’t that make us all... superheroes?
GOOD THING, TOO, BECAUSE THE EARTH NEEDS ALL THE HEROES IT CAN GET TO DEFEND ITS ENVIRONMENT FROM HARM AND TO GUARANTEE HUMAN RIGHTS FOR EVERYONE BY PROTECTING ITS PEOPLE FROM INJUSTICE, POVERTY AND INEQUALITY.

BUT TOGETHER, WELL, THAT’S A DIFFERENT STORY.

TOGETHER WE CAN SOLVE PRACTICALLY ANY PROBLEM AND OVERCOME ALMOST ANY CHALLENGE.

ALL WE NEED IS A PLAN.

BUT NO ONE — NOT EVEN A SUPERHERO — IS STRONG ENOUGH TO CARRY THE WEIGHT OF THE WORLD ALONE.

THAT’S WHY THE UNITED NATIONS SPOKE TO OVER 7 MILLION PEOPLE IN 193 COUNTRIES AND ASKED THEM FOR IDEAS ON HOW TO FIX, WELL, EVERYTHING BY THE YEAR 2030.

OUT OF THOSE MILLIONS OF CONVERSATIONS CAME THE GLOBAL GOALS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT — A PLAN FOR ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRESS THAT MEETS THE NEEDS OF TODAY WITHOUT COMPROMISING THE RESOURCES OF THE FUTURE.
Think of the 17 Global Goals as the ultimate to-do list for people and planet – a way for us to work together so that we can find solutions for all the world’s biggest problems.

It won’t be easy, but it can be done. And if the goals are achieved, it will make the world a more just, more prosperous and safer place for us all.

The Global Goals
For Sustainable Development

1. No Poverty
2. Zero Hunger
3. Good Health and Well-Being
4. Quality Education
5. Gender Equality
6. Clean Water and Sanitation
7. Affordable and Clean Energy
8. Decent Work and Economic Growth
9. Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure
10. Reduced Inequalities
11. Sustainable Cities and Communities
12. Responsible Consumption and Production
13. Climate Action
14. Life Below Water
15. Life on Land
16. Peace and Justice
17. Partnerships for the Goals

But setting the goals is just the beginning. It’s up to everyone to take action and make sure they’re fulfilled.

And everyone includes you.

So what are you waiting for? Turn the page to find out what you can do to help!
1: LEARN ABOUT THE GOALS

The only way the goals can succeed is by making them famous. So find creative ways to tell everyone you know about the global goals and encourage them to do the same.

The #globalgoals can change the world, but only if we all work together! #telleveryone

2: TELL EVERYONE
3: DO SOMETHING

Get involved with organizations that work on issues that matter most to you. Engage with your government and find ways to be a hero for change in your own community!

Because here’s the thing: we all have a special quality, a unique ability to help change our planet — and the way we live on it — for the better.

So find your inner superpower and share it with the world!

And together we will accomplish wonders!
World's Largest Lesson is a collaborative education project to support the announcement of the United Nations Global Goals for Sustainable Development. The project is living proof of the importance of Global Goal 17 “Partnerships for the Goals” and would not have been possible without the help of all of our partners working with us and with each other.

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