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# Who's Who?

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## Thanos

Thanos—also known as the Titan, after the planet where he was born—is an extremely cruel and powerful warlord, with superhuman strength and abilities. He was forced to leave Titan, and now has an evil plan for the rest of the universe.



## Children of Thanos

Thanos adopted children from different worlds and trained them to be killers to increase his strength. **Ebony Maw** is a talented sorcerer. **Cull Obsidian** is enormously strong. **Proxima Midnight** uses a powerful spear. **Corvus Glaive** is a skillful fighter.



## Dr. Stephen Strange / Doctor Strange

Dr. Stephen Strange trained as a sorcerer after an accident ended his work with patients. As Doctor Strange, he leads a group of sorcerers, including his assistant, **Wong**. From a base in New York, they protect Earth from magical attacks.



## Thor

Thor, the God of Thunder, was King of Asgard before his world was destroyed. He has superhuman strength, although his powerful hammer, Mjolnir, has been destroyed. He has a difficult relationship with his brother **Loki**, who enjoys playing with people's minds.



## Steve Rogers / Captain America

Rogers was given superpowers by the U.S. government and became Captain America. After a heroic plane crash in the Arctic, he was unconscious for sixty-six years before becoming an Avenger.



## Tony Stark / Iron Man

Stark is a scientist and Avenger. His special suit, supported by a computer system called FRIDAY, gives him superhuman powers. His technology company is now run by his girlfriend, **Pepper Potts**.



## Natasha Romanoff / Black Widow

Natasha was trained by the Russian security service as a spy and killer. After she was persuaded to join the U.S. agency S.H.I.E.L.D., she became an extremely skillful fighter for the Avengers.



## Bruce Banner / Hulk

Banner is a smart scientist who becomes an enormous, violent creature when he is angry. He is a valued member of the Avengers team, but is increasingly unwilling to change into Hulk.



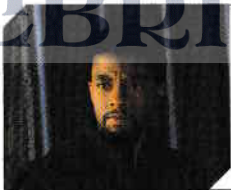
## Wanda Maximoff / Scarlet Witch and Vision

Wanda was given superpowers by an evil organization called Hydra, but later joined the Avengers. Vision is an android created by Stark and Banner.



## Peter Parker / Spider-Man

Parker is a teenager who originally developed superpowers and fought crime in New York City. He was then persuaded by Stark to fight with him in a war between different teams of Avengers.



### T'Challa / Black Panther

T'Challa is the king of the African country Wakanda. His superpowers give him the abilities of a big cat. His sister **Shuri** is a scientist. **Okoye** is the head of the Wakandan guards.



### Peter Quill / Star-Lord

Quill, half human and half Celestial, was kidnapped from Earth by Ravagers and trained in criminal behavior. He now leads a strange team known as the Guardians of the Galaxy.



### Drax, Mantis, Rocket, and Groot

Drax is a fighter. Mantis changes people's feelings through touch. Rocket is an engineer with superpowers. Groot can grow things from his body. They are the Guardians of the Galaxy.



### Gamora

Gamora was kidnapped and adopted by Thanos, who trained her to be a killer. She was his favorite child, but eventually turned against him. She has now joined the Guardians of the Galaxy.



### Nebula

Nebula was also kidnapped by Thanos and taught to be a killer. When she lost training fights with her sister Gamora, Thanos changed parts of her body. She hated Gamora for never letting her win.



### Eitri

Eitri is the keeper of the only remaining forge on the star of Nidavellir. His people were friends of the Asgardians and made Thor's hammer, Mjolnir, but Nidavellir has suffered a terrible defeat.

## Introduction

*Staring down into the hole, the sorcerers saw a middle-aged man lying on his back. Bruce Banner had changed from Hulk back to his human form. Transported by the Bifrost, he had crashed through the roof of the building. Banner wore pants, but there was nothing on his top half, and he was groaning loudly.*

*"Thanos is coming! He's coming!" he whispered, in a voice filled with terror.*

*The two sorcerers looked at each other.*

*"Who?" asked Doctor Strange.*

Thanos, a cruel warlord from the planet Titan, is searching the universe for the Infinity Stones. They came into existence when the universe began, and each Stone controls a different way the universe works. There are six Infinity Stones, and each one is enormously powerful:

The red **Reality Stone** can change reality and make things appear completely different.

The green **Time Stone** allows its user to make time go backward or forward.

The blue **Space Stone** is hidden inside a crystal called the Tesseract. Its user can travel through portals to different parts of the universe.

The purple **Power Stone** gives its user enormous energy to create or destroy.

The yellow **Mind Stone** can be used to control the minds of others. It was also used to create an android called Vision.

The orange **Soul Stone** allows its user to control people's souls, and gives the user control over all life in the universe.

If Thanos gets all six Infinity Stones, he will become the most powerful being in the universe, and will then be able to achieve his unimaginably evil goal. At the start of the book, the warlord has the Power Stone, and is already very powerful. Super heroes from different parts of the galaxy

unite to stop him collecting the other five Stones.

The Avengers are a group of super heroes who have fought many battles to protect Earth. Among them are the wealthy inventor Tony Stark, and the God of Thunder, Thor, from the realm of Asgard. Black Panther is king of the technologically advanced African country Wakanda. Like the other great fighters, he is prepared for the worst—and it is coming.

The Guardians of the Galaxy are a group of super heroes who used to be criminals. Now, they work together to protect the galaxy from alien attacks. The super heroes are willing to give their lives. But even if they do, is this enough to save the universe?

*Marvel Studios' Avengers: Infinity War* (2018) is one of the most successful movies of all time. It is the 19th film in the Marvel Cinematic Universe, an imaginary universe based on the adventures of super heroes in Marvel Comics. The movie follows the events that take place in *Marvel Studios' Captain America: Civil War*, *Marvel Studios' Black Panther*, and *Marvel Studios' Thor: Ragnarok*. The action takes place on Earth and other planets. Robert Downey Jr. stars as Iron Man, Chris Hemsworth plays Thor, Scarlett Johansson stars as Black Widow, and Chadwick Boseman plays Black Panther. The film was widely praised for its actors' performances and action scenes, and is one of the most expensive movies ever made. *Marvel Studios' Avengers: Endgame* (2019) follows *Avengers: Infinity War*, and is also a Pearson English Reader.

All through history, there are stories of magical stones and jewels that give their possessors great power. There are, for example, Japanese stories about jewels that gave their possessors control of the tides, and in Hindu stories possession of the jewel Symantaka protected lands from floods and other disasters. *Avengers: Infinity War* is also in the great tradition of stories in which heroes battle against evil—but can they win?



## Thanos's Plans

Deep in space, far, far away from Earth, a spaceship was sending out a signal for help.

"This is the Asgardian spaceship, the *Statesman*. We are under attack. I repeat, we are under attack. The engines are dead, our systems are failing. We are requesting help from any spaceship near us. We are Asgardian families, we have very few soldiers. We are *not* a warship."

The speaker sounded frightened—even desperate. An enormous spaceship was firing missiles at the *Statesman*. Inside the *Statesman*, fires were burning, and dead and wounded people lay everywhere.

Thor, who was the king of the realm of Asgard and the Asgardian God of Thunder, was on the ship with his younger brother Loki. Loki, also a god, had fought against his brother in the past, and had even been King of Asgard for a time. But now they were on the same side. They had left Asgard after their world had been destroyed, and almost all its people had died in a terrible war. The Asgardians who were still alive were on the spaceship. Thor had decided to take them to Earth, and make a new home there. But even this hope was gone now.

The much larger spaceship was the *Sanctuary II*, and was the base of Thanos, a warlord from the planet Titan. Soon, Ebony Maw, one of Thanos's best fighters, was walking through the *Statesman*, carefully stepping over the bodies.

"Hear me and be glad. You are lucky to be saved by the great Titan," Ebony Maw said calmly in a thin, high voice. "You may think this is suffering. No—it is a new beginning. As a result of your deaths, there will be more balance in the universe."

He pressed his hands together; his long fingers were as pale as his face. He was a tall, frightening alien in a tight, gray suit and heavy boots. He had gray skin, a long face with a flat nose, and thin, white hair.

There were other fighters with him. They had been adopted by Thanos as children, and were known as the "Children of Thanos." Thanos had trained them to be killers. Proxima Midnight wore black, and her eyes, deep in her head, shone with hatred. Cull Obsidian was enormous, with a skin like a snake's. Corvus Glaive looked small and thin beside him, but carried a spear with a blade at both ends. Only Proxima Midnight looked mostly human.

Dark-haired Loki was a prisoner on the spaceship, but was unharmed. He was watching a figure who stood looking out of a window. It was Thanos himself. The Titan was enormous and frighteningly strong. He was wearing battle armor, and his pale purple skin looked like leather. Beneath his helmet, his eyes were as cold as death. His large chin had long lines on it. Those who saw him could only feel terror.

He turned around now, and spoke in a deep voice that sounded strangely kind. "I know how it feels to lose—when you feel so desperately that you're right, but then you fail."

Thor was lying wounded on the ground. Thanos picked him up by the neck, and the god groaned.

"Why fear death?" Thanos continued. "It always comes to you in the end." He walked toward Loki as he spoke. "It's here now. Or should I say, *I am*?"

He lifted Thor's fair-haired, bearded head like a toy. The god had lost one eye in a previous battle. Blood came from his mouth.

"You talk too much," he managed to say.

Thanos held up his left hand to show Loki the Infinity Gauntlet that covered it. It was a glove with spaces in it for six extremely powerful Stones. They were called Infinity Stones, and each Stone could control the universe in a different way. One Stone was already in the gauntlet—the pale purple Power Stone.

Thanos had one purpose in life—to control the whole universe. He was searching for the other five Infinity Stones. This was the reason he had attacked the *Statesman*. Thanos knew that Loki had the Tesseract, a crystal that contained the Space Stone. Loki had once fought for Thanos, and had promised to obtain the Tesseract for him. But the Avengers had prevented Loki from getting it, and Thor had taken his brother and the Tesseract to Asgard.

Now, Thanos looked at him, and smiled. "Give me the Tesseract. Or your brother's head. Choose. Which do you prefer?"

The Children of Thanos raised their weapons threateningly as he spoke. Loki thought about it. "Kill him."

Thanos was surprised, but bent down and placed the gauntlet on Thor's forehead. The Power Stone shone brightly, and Thor screamed—and screamed. The Titan watched Loki expectantly as he did this. After only a few moments of Thor's screams, his pain was too much, even for Loki.

"All right, stop!" he shouted.

Thanos removed his hand.

"We don't have the Tesseract," Thor groaned. "It was destroyed on Asgard."

This wasn't true, but he was desperate for Thanos not to possess the Stone. He watched in horror as Loki raised his right hand, and the Tesseract appeared in it. The blue light of the Stone shone inside the crystal. Thanos smiled with pleasure.

"You really are the worst brother," Thor said, disgusted.

Loki walked toward Thanos, holding up the Tesseract. Always confident, he looked at Thor and said, "I promise you, brother, the sun will shine again."