Wheelchair costumes turn kids into superheroes

Did you ever dream of being a superhero when you were younger? This man runs a charity that helps all children make that dream a reality.

Tasks
Do the preparation task first. Then watch the video and do the exercise.

Preparation task
Match the definitions (a–h) with the vocabulary (1–8).

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<th>Vocabulary</th>
<th>Definition</th>
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<td>1. ...... awkwardness</td>
<td>a. to defeat or succeed in controlling or dealing with something</td>
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<td>2. ...... to break down barriers</td>
<td>b. the feeling of being difficult to deal with and embarrassing</td>
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<td>3. ...... non-profit (organisation)</td>
<td>c. to connect two things or to make the difference between them smaller</td>
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<td>4. ...... spinal muscular atrophy</td>
<td>d. to improve understanding and communication between people</td>
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<td>5. ...... to dress up</td>
<td>e. giving help and encouragement</td>
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<td>6. ...... to be supportive</td>
<td>f. not intended to make a profit, but to make money for a social purpose</td>
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<td>7. ...... to bridge a gap</td>
<td>g. to put on special clothes to change your appearance</td>
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<td>8. ...... to overcome something</td>
<td>h. a genetic disease that affects part of the nervous system</td>
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Task 1
Are the sentences true or false? Circle the correct answer.

1. Ryan Weimer feels that most people are comfortable around those with disabilities.  
   Answer: True   False
2. Ryan knew a lot about wheelchair disabilities before his son got spinal muscular atrophy.  
   Answer: True   False
3. Ryan started Magic Wheelchair to help his son with a Halloween costume.  
   Answer: True   False
4. The first thing Ryan's team built was a spaceship.  
   Answer: True   False
5. Magic Wheelchair builds costumes all year round.  
   Answer: True   False
6. Magic Wheelchair's designs are based on the wishes of each individual child.  
   Answer: True   False
7. Ryan says that some children may only have one chance to experience Magic Wheelchair.  
   Answer: True   False
8. Ryan says that the important thing about Magic Wheelchair is that it gives children and families an experience to remember.  
   Answer: True   False

Discussion
How did the video make you feel?
Answers

Preparation task
1. b
2. d
3. f
4. h
5. g
6. e
7. c
8. a

Task 1
1. False
2. False
3. True
4. False
5. False
6. True
7. True
8. True