

# SMALLVILLE

## on TV

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**Smallville was first on TV in 2001. Teenagers all over the world loved it. It is the story of Clark Kent before he became Superman.**

### The pilot: *Arrival*

*Arrival* was the first ever *Smallville* programme. It was the pilot. A pilot TV programme is a test programme. Sometimes people like the pilot and they make a series. Sometimes people don't like the pilot and they don't make the series. The programme makers had a lot of work to do for the pilot.

### The story

Miles Millar and Alfred Gough worked on the *Smallville* story from the start. It tells the story of Clark's arrival from space and his life as a teenager. 'We wanted to go into Clark's head,' said Millar. 'Who is he?' they wanted to know.

Most of the *Smallville* characters come from Superman comics. Chloe Sullivan was a new

character. 'Chloe comes from Metropolis,' said Millar. 'She sees things differently from Smallville people. She's always asking questions.'

### The place

Smallville is a small, quiet, all-American town. 'We looked for "Smalltown, USA",' said Gough. 'We wanted a nice, clean town.' First, they thought about Australia. In the end, they filmed in Vancouver in Canada.

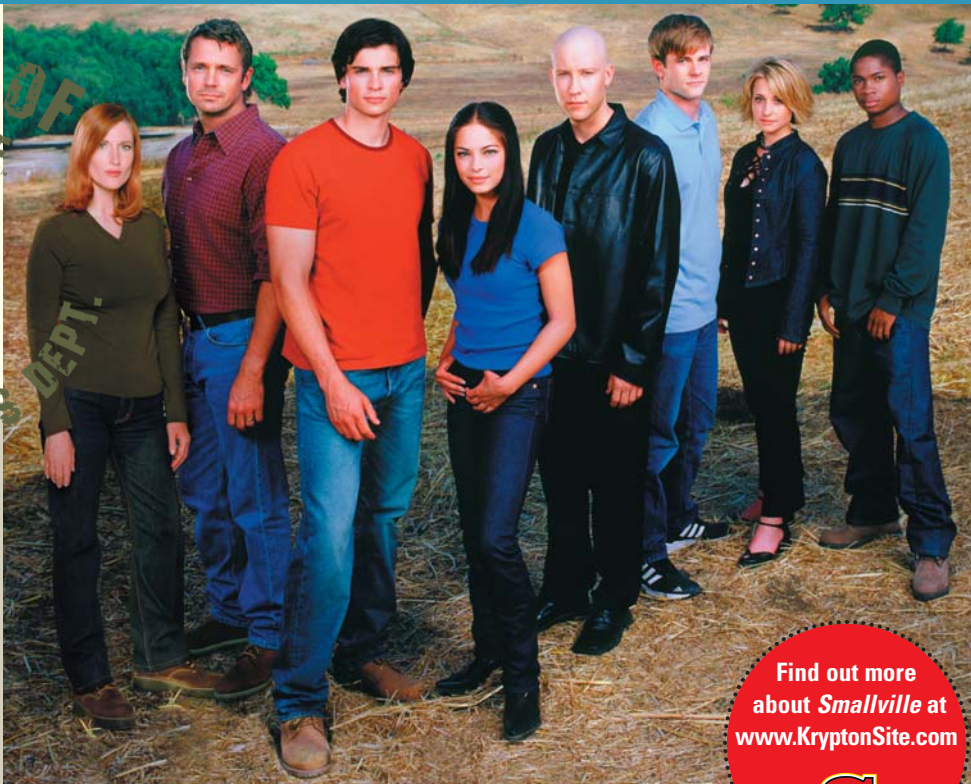
### The actors

The *Smallville* team found the *Smallville* actors for the pilot in five months. They looked all over America and Canada.

First, they found Lana (Kristin Kreuk). They loved her. 'She's the one,' they said. Then they found Clark (Tom Welling). Kristin and

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Tom were good together on TV. 'People must like the *Smallville* characters,' Gough said. 'They're coming into their living rooms every week.'

The character of Pete was a problem for the team. No one was right. They looked for months. At last, they saw Sam Jones III and they liked him. That was lucky because they started to film four days later!

### After the pilot

The *Smallville* team filmed *Arrival* in 16 days. Then, they waited. Over eight million people watched *Smallville: Arrival*. It was a big hit. 'Clark Kent can fly, and this programme's going to fly!' said one newspaper.

Now, *Smallville* is in its fifth series. There are *Smallville* books and CDs. *Smallville* is here to stay!

Do you watch *Smallville* on TV?  
Who's your favourite *Smallville* character? Why?