



# THE Real-Life SUPERHEROES

**S**uperheroes Anonymous is a group of people in New York who try to keep their **communities** safe.

Like all of the famous superheroes in films and comics, the real identities of the members of Superheroes Anonymous are a secret. This group of real-life superheroes **get together** and fight crime on the streets. The group meeting looks like a fancy-dress party. Men and women wear colourful costumes, masks and long black capes. But who are these superheroes?

Night Owl explains that these people are **ordinary**, but choose to lead **extraordinary** double lives, just

like Batman, Spider-Man or Superman. Night Owl says he is an accountant in the day. He goes to work in a suit and tie and works 9-5. At night, he **puts on** his superhero costume and hangs out with his friends on the streets **to fight crime**. “We don’t use our free time to **surf the Net, watch TV or read novels,**” Night Owl says.

Not all of the members of Superheroes Anonymous fight crime. They also help people who need help. They give food and clothing to **the homeless**, or make sure that **elderly** people living **alone** are safe and warm.

Why do they do this? “I live to see the look on people’s faces when I help them,” explains Night Owl. “I feel like I’m walking on air afterwards.” Night Owl deserves to feel **proud**. These heroes are excellent role models.

## Reading

**3** Read the text again and decide if the sentences are True (T) or False (F). Use the underlined words to help you do the task.

- 1 People know the members' real names. .....
- 2 Superheroes Anonymous is a group of everyday people. .....
- 3 During the day they look like everyone else. .....
- 4 They always meet in the evening. .....
- 5 They only protect people in danger. .....

**4** Read the text again and answer the questions.

- 1 Why does the group's meeting look like a fancy-dress party?
- 2 What do the real-life superheroes do as part of the community?
- 3 What does Night Owl mean when he says "I feel like I am walking on air"?