

# A newspaper article

- **Before you read:** Look at the headline in the article. What's the article about?
- Read aloud.

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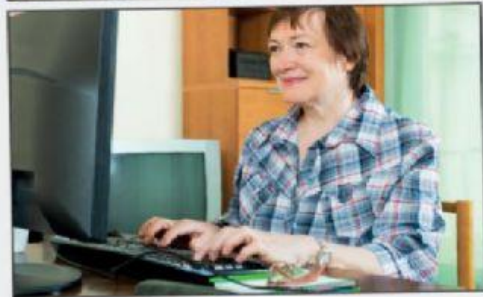
This week's community hero is Denise O'Brien. What are community heroes? They're people like you and me. They're heroes because they help their community. They're often brave or clever or kind. This is Denise's twenty-fifth year in the Mountain Rescue volunteers.

### **The Mountain Rescue volunteers**

Hundreds of people walk in the Irish mountains. People love the mountains, but the mountains are sometimes dangerous. The weather is often bad. It's foggy or it snows. People sometimes have problems on the mountains. The Mountain Rescue volunteers are always ready to help.

### **Denise: a hero on the mountain**

Denise works in an office. When there's a problem on the mountains, she stops work. She puts on her walking boots and jacket, finds her backpack and goes to help. 'We're sometimes on the mountain for 24 hours,' she says. 'It's a long time. But that's not important. It's important to find and help people. That's why I'm a volunteer.' Well done, Denise!



What makes a hero?

Heroes help other people.



Sarah



Read again and answers Yes/ No.

1. Is Denise O'Brien this week's community hero?

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2. Do community heroes help their community?

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3. Is Denise a fire fighter?

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4. Are the mountains safe?

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5. Does Denise need special boots and a jacket to go to the mountains?

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6. Do volunteers rescue people after they finish working?

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