

Superheroes Reading

1 Superheroes Anonymous is a group of people in New York, who try to keep their communities safe.

2 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.

3 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?

4 Night Owl explains that these people are ordinary, but choose to lead extraordinary double lives, just like Batman, Spider-Man or Superman. We are ordinary people, but we choose to lead extraordinary double lives, just like Batman, Spider-Man or Superman.

5 Night Owl says he is an accountant in the day. I'm an accountant. He goes to work in a suit and tie and works 9-5.

6 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," says Night Owl.

7 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.

8 Why do they do this? Why do you do this? I live to see the look on people's faces when I help them. I feel like I'm walking on air afterwards."

9 Night Owl deserves to feel proud. These heroes are excellent role models. Thank you! These real-life superheroes show that ordinary people can make a big difference in their communities.

B1 Reading Comprehension – Open Questions

Instructions: Read *The Real-Life Superheroes* and answer the questions in complete sentences.

1. What is **Superheroes Anonymous**?
2. Where do the members of Superheroes Anonymous live and work?

3. Why do the members keep their real identities a secret?

4. What does Night Owl do during the day?

5. What does Night Owl do after work?

6. Besides fighting crime, how do the superheroes help their community?

7. Who do they help by giving food and clothing?

8. How do the superheroes help elderly people?

9. Why doesn't Night Owl spend his free time watching TV or surfing the Internet?

10. How does Night Owl feel after helping other people?

11. Why does the writer say these superheroes are excellent role models?

12. In your opinion, what qualities make someone a real-life superhero?

13. If you were a member of Superheroes Anonymous, what would you do to help your community?

14. Would you like to become a real-life superhero? Why or why not?

15. What lesson can we learn from this reading?