

Real-Life Heroes Who Save Lives

Grade 4

English

Nonfiction

Superheroes Theme

~145 words

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Name: _____ Date: _____

▣ READ — READ THIS PASSAGE CAREFULLY. YOU MAY READ IT TWICE.

Many people think superheroes only exist in comic books and movies. However, real-life superheroes work in our communities every single day. Firefighters rush into burning buildings to rescue people and pets from danger. They train for years to develop the skills needed for this difficult job. Police officers patrol neighborhoods to keep citizens safe from crime. They respond quickly when people need help during emergencies. Doctors and nurses work long hours in hospitals, caring for sick and injured patients. These medical professionals save lives by treating diseases and performing surgery. Teachers also act as superheroes by inspiring students to learn and grow. They dedicate their time to helping young people reach their goals and dreams. These everyday heroes may not wear capes or have special powers, but they demonstrate true courage and kindness. Our communities depend on these brave individuals who choose to help others.

▣ *Tip: Read the passage twice before turning to the questions on the next page.*

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Questions

⇒ **ANSWER** USE THE PASSAGE ON PAGE 1 TO HELP FIND YOUR ANSWERS.

MAIN IDEA

1. What is this passage mostly about?

TEXT EVIDENCE

2. Name three types of real-life superheroes mentioned in the passage.

VOCABULARY

3. What does the word 'dedicate' mean in the passage?

INFERENCE

4. Why might the author compare everyday workers to superheroes?

CAUSE AND EFFECT

5. What happens because firefighters train for years?

TEXT EVIDENCE

6. According to the passage, what do these everyday heroes NOT have that fictional superheroes have?

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TEACHER / PARENT USE ONLY — Suggested answers shown below each question

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MAIN IDEA

1. What is this passage mostly about?

The passage is mostly about real-life superheroes who help people in their communities, such as firefighters, police officers, doctors, and teachers.

TEXT EVIDENCE

2. Name three types of real-life superheroes mentioned in the passage.

Three types of real-life superheroes mentioned are firefighters, police officers, and doctors or nurses. Teachers are also mentioned as superheroes.

VOCABULARY

3. What does the word 'dedicate' mean in the passage?

In this passage, 'dedicate' means to give your time and energy to something important, like teachers dedicating themselves to helping students learn.

INFERENCE

4. Why might the author compare everyday workers to superheroes?

The author wants readers to understand that real people who help others are just as heroic as fictional superheroes, even without special powers.

CAUSE AND EFFECT

5. What happens because firefighters train for years?

Because firefighters train for years, they develop the skills needed to rescue people and pets from dangerous situations like burning buildings.

TEXT EVIDENCE

6. According to the passage, what do these everyday heroes NOT have that fictional superheroes have?

According to the passage, these everyday heroes do not wear capes or have special powers, but they still show true courage and kindness.