



Superheroes

Fact Sheet for Adults



Superheroes

- Superheroes are fictional characters, often with superpowers, who are dedicated to fighting crime and battling villains.
- They were often created as part of comic book stories and have since become part of television programmes or films.

Marvel Superheroes

- Marvel comics were first published in 1939.
- However, it was with the publication of Stan Lee and Jack Kirby's Fantastic Four in 1961, that the comic became more popular.
- Marvel superheroes include Spider-Man, The Hulk, Iron Man, The X-Men and The Avengers.

DC Comics

- This is one of the oldest and largest comic book publishers and has created many superheroes including Superman, Batman and Wonder Woman.

Spider-Man

- Spider-Man's real name is Peter Parker. He is a scientist, inventor and photographer.
- He was bitten by a radioactive spider and developed superpowers.
- Spider-Man can climb smooth surfaces easily, has superhuman strength and also possesses spider-sense to warn him of danger.
- His superpowers are based upon the characteristics of real spiders.
- Real spiders are able to climb slippery surfaces because of the tiny hairs on their feet.
- The hairs on a spider's body also help it to sense danger, a bit like Spider-Man's spider-sense. These hairs register any tiny vibrations that come through the surface a spider is standing on, warning it of any danger.
- Spiders produce webs for catching prey and in some cases to help them travel from place to place.

Batman

- Batman lives in Gotham City and is the secret identity of Bruce Wayne.
- Unlike many other superheroes, Batman doesn't have any superpowers, instead relying on his intellect, detective skills and athletic prowess.
- Batman wears a protective costume known as a batsuit. It includes a cape, a mask, bat-like ears, a bat emblem and a utility belt.
- Batman drives a black car known as the batmobile. In some stories, he also has a batplane, a batcycle and a batboat.
- The batcave, located underneath Bruce Wayne's mansion, is Batman's secret headquarters.
- Bats are the only mammal that can fly and there are over 900 species of bats in the world.
- Bats live all over the world but prefer warmer areas that are closer to the equator. They roost in caves, trees and barns.
- Bats use 'echolocation' to navigate. They make sounds and then wait for the sound to bounce back off nearby objects. If the sound doesn't bounce back, then they know that they can safely fly in that direction.
- Bats are nocturnal, hunting at night and sleeping during the day.



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Wolverine

- This superhero was born with superhuman senses and the ability to heal his own wounds. He was later given an unbreakable skeleton and retractable metal claws.
- Wolverine also has immunity from most poisons and drugs.
- Wolverine is over a century old!
- Wolverine is not immortal; if his injuries were serious enough, he could die.
- A wolverine is a member of the weasel family and is sometimes known as the quickhatch or skunk bear.
- It lives in the northern hemisphere, mainly in Canada, Alaska and Russia.
- It is very fierce and strong, and can kill prey much larger than itself with its sharp claws and teeth.

Storm

- Storm is a superhero who can control the elements and climate. She is also able to fly.
- She is the daughter of a tribal princess from Kenya and has inherited the ability to use magic.
- A storm is a disturbance in the atmosphere. The term is often used to describe severe weather.
- There are many different types of storm – thunderstorms, hailstorms, tornadoes, cyclones, ice storms and snow storms.

Fun Facts

- The creator of Spider-Man got the idea from seeing a fly climbing up a wall - Spider-Man was almost 'Fly-Man'!
- Bats hang upside down to sleep!
- Wolverines store their food in snow to keep it fresh.
- The Daily Planet newspaper, where Clark Kent works (Superman), is owned by Bruce Wayne (Batman).

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