

How to Become a Superhero

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Connections

Writing

Use the Name-o-Matic 3000 to give yourself a superhero name. Then write a story about your superpowers and how you work to help people.

Social Studies

Create a poster to show different ways people can help in their community. Title your poster "Be a Community Superhero!"

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Focus Question

What does Alba think
a superhero is?

Words to Know

headquarters
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patrol

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suspicious

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It's a disaster! A huge earthquake has struck the city of Gumtropolis. A building fell down, and some people are trapped inside. They can't get out.



Do not fear—I am the **superhero** Captain Silver Bunny. I will save the day!

It's a good thing I'm fast. One of my powers is my holy-cow-that's-fast speed. I'll zoom right over to Gumtropolis.

I can cut through the bricks with another one of my superpowers. My hands can shoot laser beams.

Then, with my superhuman strength, I'll lift the bricks. I'll rescue people until everyone is safe.



I have a secret, though. I wasn't born a superhero.

In fact, anybody can become a superhero—even you! Today is your lucky day because I'll give you some tips.

First, you need a superpower. Maybe you're superstrong or can see through walls. Perhaps you're really good at something, like solving mysteries. All you need is a little imagination.



You also need a cool name. My name is Alba. It's nice enough, but superhero names need to be exciting.

That's why I invented the trusty Name-o-Matic 3000. It creates the coolest names.

My favorite color is silver, and I love bunnies. So I became Captain Silver Bunny. You should try it!

Name-o-Matic 3000

(1) Pick one of these words: Captain, Professor, Amazing, or Super.

(2) Choose your favorite color.

(3) Add whatever you love most in the entire world.



Then you need a flashy costume. You can't save the world in jeans and a T-shirt! A cape or mask would be better. I, Captain Silver Bunny, wear a silver cape. It's so shiny that you can see it on the Moon.

Superheroes also need their own **headquarters**. I, Captain Silver Bunny, have one. I can't tell you where it is because it's secret. I go to my secret room to think and take notes. I like to keep files on all the helpful things I do.





I'm lucky because I also have my own personal driver. It's easy to go from one adventure to the next.



I have many powers, but sometimes I need help. A **sidekick** is useful. You can ask your friends and family. That's what I did. My little brother, Javier, is my sidekick. His superhero name is Super Brown Teddy. He's very helpful. Plus, he's not afraid of anything.

Now remember, a good superhero is always prepared. I, Captain Silver Bunny, like to **patrol** my school at lunch. I look for any trouble or **suspicious** behavior—like the time my teacher's chalk disappeared. I helped her find it.



I love being a superhero. I get to help people. I go on special adventures.





Today I have a new **mission**. My neighbor, Mrs. Martin, is in trouble. Her newspaper has been missing each morning.

I told her not to worry. I, Captain Silver Bunny, will save the day!

Glossary

headquarters (<i>n.</i>)	a meeting location where important decisions are made (p. 10)
mission (<i>n.</i>)	a special task or assignment (p. 15)
patrol (<i>v.</i>)	to move through an area to watch over it and keep it safe (p. 13)
sidekick (<i>n.</i>)	an assistant or friend who helps or spends time with a partner who is often more powerful or important (p. 12)
superhero (<i>n.</i>)	a make-believe being who has amazing powers (p. 4)
suspicious (<i>adj.</i>)	giving people the idea or feeling that someone or something is wrong or dishonest (p. 13)