

hero [ˈhɪ(ə)rjəʊ] *n* (*pl* -oes [-{ˈhɪ(ə)rjəvz}])

1. герой

national [immortal] hero - национальный [бессмертный] герой

a hero of the quill - выдающийся писатель

the hero of the hour - герой дня

a hero of the spigot - *шутл.* рыцарь винной бочки

to be [to become] a hero in smb.'s eyes - быть [становиться] героем в чьих-л. глазах

2. герой, главное действующее лицо (*рассказа, фильма и т. п.*)

the hero of a story [of an adventure] - герой рассказа [приключения]

to admire a hero - восхищаться героем (*книги и т. п.*)

3. герой, полубог (*в античной литературе*)

4. *амер.* = hero sandwich

hero

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hero [hero heroes] *BrE* [ˈhɪərəʊ] [ⓘ] *NAmE* [ˈhɪroʊ] [ⓘ] *NAmE* [ˈhiːroʊ] [ⓘ] **noun**

(*pl.* heroes)

1. a person, especially a man, who is admired by many people for doing sth brave or good

- a **war hero** (= sb who was very brave during a war)
- The Olympic team were given **a hero's welcome** on their return home.
- one of the country's **national heroes**

2. the main male character in a story, novel, film/movie, etc

- The hero of the novel is a ten-year old boy.

3. a person, especially a man, that you admire because of a particular quality or skill that they have

- my childhood hero

4. (*NAmE*) = ↑submarine (2)

see also ↑heroine

Word Origin:

Middle English (with mythological reference): via Latin from Greek *hērōs*.

Thesaurus:

hero *noun*

1. **C**

- He remains one of the country's national heroes.

heroine • **idol** • **icon** • **legend** • **star** • **superstar** • |*informal* **great** •

a/an hero/heroine idol **of** mine, his, etc.

a **national** hero/heroine/icon/legend

a **film/pop** hero/idol/icon/legend/star/superstar

a **sports** hero/icon/legend/star

Hero or icon? Use **hero** to talk about sb that you admire yourself; use **icon** to talk about sb who is special to a particular group of people

- a personal hero
- a feminist icon

2. **C**

- The hero of the novel is a young artist.

heroine • **lead** • **star** • |*formal* **protagonist** •

Opp: villain

a **young** hero/heroine/star/protagonist

a **mythical/fictional/tragic/great** hero/heroine

play the hero/heroine/lead

Hero, heroine or protagonist? **Hero** and **heroine** suggest a positive role. **Protagonist** can be positive or negative, and can refer to a man or woman. It is often used in reviews of films, books, etc.

Example Bank:

- Being short and overweight, he was an unlikely romantic hero.
- Bugs Bunny was one of my childhood heroes.
- Don Quixote, the eponymous hero of the novel by Cervantes
- Einstein is the all-time hero of many scientists.
- Everyone played brilliantly, but Jones was the hero of the hour.
- He died a national hero.
- He returned home from the tournament a conquering hero.
- He was a hero to all his friends.
- He was hailed as a hero after the rescue.
- He was one of the great football heroes of his day.
- His father was a hero figure to him.
- In his war stories he portrayed himself as the all-conquering hero.
- In this album she pays tribute to her musical heroes.
- James Dean was a cult hero of the fifties.

- Jimi Hendrix was her guitar hero.
- John was no hero— he stood back as his friends approached the two armed border guards.
- John was no hero— he was willing to let others fight.
- O'Reilly enjoyed hero status based on his ability with a ball.
- She was an unsung hero of the British film industry.
- The fight to save the forest turned him into a local hero.
- The song remembers the brave heroes who died for their country.
- Tired of playing the square-jawed hero, he sought out more challenging roles.
- Tom Cruise played the hero.
- a chance to meet his hero
- a fallen hero trying to regain his position
- He was a war hero, but he never talked about it.
- The Olympic team were given a hero's welcome on their return home.
- Tired of playing boring old romantic heroes, he sought out more challenging roles.
- To this day he remains one of the country's national heroes.

hero

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hero **W3** /'hɪərəʊ \$ 'hɪrəʊ/ *BrE* *AmE* *noun* (plural **heroes**) [countable]

[Date: 1500-1600; Language: Latin; Origin: heros, from Greek]

1. a man who is admired for doing something extremely brave ⇒ **heroine** :

- He had dared to speak out against injustice, and overnight he became a national hero.
- His father was a war hero, a former fighter pilot.
- the unsung heroes who drove convoys of aid to Bosnia

hero of

- a hero of the Great War
- A man hailed as a hero for 50 years has been unmasked as a traitor.

2. the man or boy who is the main character in a book, film, play etc ⇒ **heroine**

hero of

- Phileas Fogg, hero of Jules Verne's 'Around the World in Eighty Days'

3. a man who is admired very much for a particular skill or quality ⇒ **heroine**

sb's hero

- When I was small, Uncle Fred was my hero.

hero of

- Einstein is the hero of those who explore science at its deepest level.

4. *American English* a long thin ↑**sandwich** filled with meat, cheese etc

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meanings 1 & 3)

ADJECTIVES/NOUN + hero

- **a real/true hero** The real heroes were the guys who fought in the front lines.
- **a great hero** He finally got to meet his great hero, the Brazilian footballer, Pele.
- **a national hero** They regard Aung San as a national hero and martyr.
- **a local hero** Richards was a local hero, a star of the football club.
- **a popular hero** (=someone whom many people admire) Ross was an arctic explorer and popular hero.
- **a cult hero** (=someone who a particular group of people admire) He became a cult hero among surfers.
- **a war hero** (=a soldier who was very brave in a war) Coming home, he was hailed as a war hero.
- **an unsung hero** (=someone whose bravery or effort is not noticed or recognized) These volunteers are the unsung heroes of the campaign.
- **an unlikely hero** (=someone who you did not expect to be brave or did not expect to admire) Baxter was the unlikely hero of the game.
- **a sporting hero** (=someone who people admire in a sport) Tiger Woods was his sporting hero.
- **a folk hero** (=an ordinary person who does something brave and becomes a hero in a particular place) Cesar Chavez has folk hero status in the Latino community.
- **an accidental hero** (=someone who becomes a hero by chance) He became an accidental hero after discovering the injured child while out walking.
- **a conquering hero** (=someone who has defeated someone else) Team members were greeted like conquering heroes on their return.
- **sb's boyhood/childhood hero** (=someone who was your hero when you were a boy/child) McEnroe had been one of his boyhood heroes.

verbs

- **become a hero** He became a national hero for his part in the war.
- **be hailed (as) a hero** (=people say you are a hero) He was hailed a hero after saving the young girl's life.

phrases

- **get/be given a hero's welcome** (=be treated as a hero when you arrive somewhere) The team were given a hero's welcome when they returned to the city.

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