

Popular Characters from Super Why!

Who is your preschooler's favorite?

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Want to get your preschooler on the path to becoming a "super reader?" Try having her watch [Super Why!](#), a popular program on PBS KIDS that focuses on building specific [reading skills](#) such as learning the [alphabet](#), word families, spelling, comprehension and vocabulary as recommended by the [National Reading Panel](#). Geared at kids ages 3-6, the show employs a problem-solving strategy to teach -- the characters in Storybook Village develop some type of conflict and the five main Super Why! characters (all from a popular tale in fiction) use both literacy and social skills to help the best way they can.

Princess Pea/Princess Presto



Princess, found from the Hans Christian Andersen story [The Princess and the Pea](#), has a very special superhero power. When she transforms into Princess Presto, she has "Spelling Power," allowing her to spell out the words that the Super Readers (and the viewer) need to finish the story. Princess Presto will always explain the letter sounds and combinations as they appear with her magic wand and she is always enthusiastic about it. Princess

Presto wears a pretty lavender dress and is a big fan of tea parties and [dress up](#).

Princess Pea/Princess Presto is voiced by Tajja Isen.

Pig/Alpha Pig



Pig, the tricycle-riding pig from, you guessed it, "[The Three Little Pigs](#)" likes to imagine that he's a construction worker like his dad and always wears a hard hat and overalls. When he becomes a Super Reader, he transforms into Alpha Pig, with "Alphabet Power" and a special Alphabet Toolbox filled with everything needed to help the team build words, including an Alphabet Map, a Lucky Letter Lasso, Brilliant Binoculars, and a Mega Magnifying

Glass.

Pig/Alpha Pig is voiced by Zachary Bloch.

Red Riding Hood/Wonder Red



"Red Riding Hood rolling in!" When Red Riding Hood arrives, everyone knows it! This friendly and sassy character (from the classic story, "[Little Red Riding Hood](#)" of course!) turns into Wonder Red and possesses "Word Power." With a fun song and her Wonder Words Basket, Wonder Red is able to change words in the story to solve a problem. When Wonder Red shows up, be prepared to rhyme, as she focuses a lot on word families.

She hardly ever seen without her roller skates, whether she's in her superhero jumpsuit or her everyday red dress.

Red Riding Hood/Wonder Red is voiced by Siera Florindo.

Whyatt Beanstalk/Super Why



When they head to the "Book Club" and the five friends turn into the "Super Readers," Whyatt is their leader. The younger brother of Jack from "[Jack and the Beanstalk](#)" fame, his superhero form is "Super Why." He lives with his mom and dad (who as a team write and illustrate stories) and his baby sister Joy (Jack is "away at college" although he does appear in an occasional episode). Super Why wears a green mask, sneakers, a blue cape and carries his

Why Writer, which highlights text on the screen as he reads it. Super Why has the "Power to Read" and is able to fly into books to help solve problems.

Whyatt Beanstalk/Super Why is voiced by Nicholas Castel Vanderburgh.

Woofster



The newest and furriest member of the team, Woofster came aboard in [September of 2011](#) when Whyatt visited a pet adoption fair in Storybook Village. After the Super Readers travel through Woofster's story and heard his tale, the adorable (and smart) puppy joined the reading superheroes. His special ability -- "Dictionary Power" -- lets him look up words that the Super Why! team doesn't understand and

explain them to everyone.

Woofster is voiced by Joanne Vannicola.

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