

HOW TO USE SUPERNAMES:

Character names for either villains or heroes, can be based upon various attributes such as their powers, their background, or the driving purpose of the character. While name elements are written in English characters the character may be descended from non-English speaking countries, and those who speak languages other than English might choose have their names from another language. Creating a name based upon the elements found within this list but translated into other languages, such as 'wind' or 'kaze' in Japanese, can give a character a mysterious, exotic feel.

The first types of names are those where the character's name is based upon their powers. For example, a character that has powers of the mind might be called Psiaire, Psychic Talon, or other names that are taken primarily from the 'Mental Powers' list. Other examples are: Astral Devil, Howling Beak, and Omega Mind.

Further types of character names can be based upon the purpose of the character. If for example, the character operates in the shadows, suitable names could include Shadow-Stalker, The Hidden Crusader, or other names based upon the 'Dark' or 'Mystery' lists. More examples include: Agent Anarchy, Seeker of Fate, and The Veiled Ranger.

Some characters gain their powers from divine sources, or believe that their powers are from a divine source, perhaps they even see themselves as a divine figure; this type of super might christen themselves with names such as Amun's Rage, Hammer of Thor, or other names that include a name from the 'Divine' list.

Other names can be taken from events in the character's past or names the character simply likes: Blade-of-War, Codename Alpha, or The Incredible Caped-Detective.

Extra name elements may be used to bulk out the name and can be taken from any of the lists but they should be used to enhance the character's concept rather than simply extending the name. Normally only two elements should be added together to form a name but there may be times when three, or even four or more name elements may be added together to form a single name. There are also times when a single name element will be more effective by itself.



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