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The Adventures of Bus Man!



Learning Objectives:

- **To listen to an amusing story, and use this as the basis for a piece of creative writing**
- **To reinforce the benefits of the bus as a method of transport**

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The Adventures of Bus Man!

**Let's hear the story of Bus Man
and his adventures...**



Bus Man's favourite thing to do in the whole world was waiting for the bus! You see, this was when he got to use his special SUPERHERO POWER.

Bus Man can get buses to STOP whenever he sticks out his hand wearing his special Superhero, bus-stopping glove!

PSST – SSSHH!! The thing is.... don't tell him, but..... Bus Hero doesn't know that buses stop for EVERYONE if they put out their hand at a bus stop!

But anyway, back to our Hero's adventures!



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One day, Bus Man was on duty, as usual, at his bus stop.

As he looked all around, he noticed his neighbour, Sally running towards him because she was late and she could see her bus coming down the road!

**“Never fear, Sally! Bus Man is here! I will stop the bus with my special power!”
yelled Bus Man.**

OK, thanks Bill....err, Bus Man...” Sally shouted, as she ran along (Bill was Bus Man’s name when he wasn’t being a Superhero!)

Bus Man stuck out his hand (inside his special bus-stopping glove) with a flourish and the bus stopped.

Sally reached the bus in the nick of time and climbed aboard.

“Well done, Bus Man!” said the driver as Sally showed him her bus pass, grinning from ear to ear.

“It’s a pleasure, Citizen, I mean, Driver! Only doing my duty. You drive safely, now!” bellowed Bus Man in reply.



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Next to arrive at the bus stop was Mrs Chalmers and her little boy, Sam.

“Good morning, Mrs Chalmers!”

“Morning, Bi-err-Bus Man! How are the buses running today? I’m off into town”

“Excellent, Mrs C. These bus lanes are a fabulous invention! They keep all my, I mean, the, buses running on time.” You wouldn’t do so well in a car I can tell you – they’ve barely been moving since 7.45!”



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**Next came Ryan on his way to school.
“Hi, Bus Man! The no. 47 been yet?”**

**“No, young Sir! It will be here at exactly
8.26 am or I’m not Bus Man!”**

**Just as Mrs Chalmers and Ryan exchanged a smile
at this, the no. 47 appeared round the bend
and stopped for Bus Man - exactly at 8.26!**



Bus Man carried Sam's pushchair onto the bus. Once it was safely deposited he paused, scanned all the passengers sitting on the bus very carefully, yelled "Have a good day, Citizens!" and marched off again with his bus-stopping arm held aloft in salute.

"Thanks, Bus Man!" The passengers replied in unison, smiling.

"Ooo, Bus Man does cheer me up in the mornings!" chuckled Mrs Brennan, a teacher at Ryan's school.

His latest duty over, Bus Man checked his watch and looked at the bus timetable attached to the bus stop muttering "Hmm, just as I thought - 5 minutes until the number 56 arrives and no Master Armstrong!"



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**Just then, Harry Armstrong tore around the corner towards Bus Man, panting
“Morning, Bus Man. I’m early today I see!”
“Early? Spluttered Bus Man, “Early?
You’ve barely got 1 minute to go, young man!”**



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Just then, and right on time, the no. 56 appeared round the bend and headed for Bus Man's stop.

"Here we go" he said, as the bus stopped at a wave from his bright blue and silver-gloved hand and Harry hopped on.

"Good Day to you, Clara! Young Master Armstrong nearly missed you today!"

"Hiya, Bus Man" said Clara, the No. 56 driver "Just as well he's got you on the case! We don't deserve you, you know!"

Bus Man's cheeks went pink below his mask as he beamed with pleasure. He waved to Clara and her passengers as the no. 56 pulled away.

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Bus Man looked down the street and checked his watch to make sure all his morning buses had left his stop on time and his passengers were safely on their way.

Bus Man's rush-hour duty was over!

He headed home for a well-deserved cup of tea and a look through his bus timetables!

A New Adventure for Bus Man

- **Can you write a short adventure for Bus Man?**
- **Things to think about:**
- **What is the weather like when your story takes place?**
- **Do any new passengers come to his stop that day and what are they like?**
- **Bus Man might have to deal with something unexpected in your story, or even an emergency, on a bus, or at his bus stop?**

A Poem about Bus Man

Can you write a short poem about Bus Man?

Think about:

Will your poem rhyme? Will it be short or long? Possible words to include:

- **Bus Man**
- **Bus stop**
- **Ticket**
- **Passenger**
- **Time**
- **School**
- **Work**
- **Hero**



A Slogan for Bus Man!

Can you come up with a slogan for Bus Man?

Things to think about:

- **Other Superhero's slogans.**
You've probably heard Buzz Lightyear's -
"To Infinity and Beyond....!"
- **Your slogan should be short, snappy,
funny and relevant.**

