

Human

Humans are the youngest of the common races, late to arrive on the world scene and short-lived in comparison to dwarves, elves, and dragons. But they are the innovators, the achievers, and the pioneers of the world, the most adaptable and ambitious people among the common races.

When humans settle somewhere, they stay. They build cities to last for the ages and great kingdoms that can persist for centuries. They live fully in the present—making them well suited to the adventuring life—but also plan for the future, striving to leave a lasting legacy.

Human culture varies by region. In the Forgotten Realms, the clothing, architecture, cuisine, music, and literature in the northwestern lands of Neverwinter are different from their counterparts in distant Turmish or Impiltur to the east. Human physical characteristics vary according to the ancient migrations of the earliest humans, so that the humans of Neverwinter have every possible variation of coloration and features.

Having so much more variety than other cultures, humans have no truly typical names. Some human parents give their children names from other languages, such as Dwarvish or Elvish (pronounced more or less correctly). Traditional names among different human cultures vary widely. You might be Haseid (Calishite), Kerri (Chondathan), Kosef (Damaran), Amafrey (Illuskan), So-Kehur (Mulan), Madislak (Rashemi), Mei (Shou), or Salazar (Turami).

Fighter

Fighters are the most diverse class of characters in the worlds of DUNGEONS & DRAGONS. Questing knights, conquering overlords, royal champions, elite foot soldiers, hardened mercenaries, and bandit kings—as fighters, they all share an unparalleled mastery with weapons and armor, and a thorough knowledge of the skills of combat. And they are well acquainted with death, both meting it out and staring it defiantly in the face.

BACKGROUND

Your parents lived in the prosperous village of Thundertree, east of the city of Neverwinter and at the edge of the Neverwinter Wood. But when nearby Mount Hotenow erupted thirty years ago, your parents fled, carrying you in your infancy. Your family drifted from village to village around the region, finding work as servants or laborers where they could.

You've spent the last few years in Neverwinter as a porter and laborer at the city's bustling docks. But it's clear to you and everyone around you that you are destined for much more. You stood up to an abusive ship captain once, so other dockworkers look up to you. Someday, you'll come into your own. You'll be a hero.

Personal Goal: Drive Off the Dragon. The ruins of Thundertree call to you. Your family and their friends once lived in prosperity there, and now they're reduced to menial labor. The ruins are haunted by ash zombies, and rumor has it a dragon has made its lair in the Old Tower, but those are problems a hero can solve. Slay the dragon, or drive it off, and you'll prove—to yourself and everyone else—you're a real hero, destined for greatness.

Alignment: Lawful Good. A hero stands up to evil and never lets bullies have their way. A hero fights for law and order, so that everyone can live in prosperity and happiness. A hero slays monsters, clears ruins, and protects the innocent. You strive to be such a hero.

GAINING LEVELS

As you adventure and overcome challenges, you gain experience points (XP), as explained in the rulebook.

With each level you gain, you gain one additional Hit Die and add 1d10 + 2 to your hit point maximum.

2nd Level: 300 XP

Action Surge. You can push yourself beyond your normal limits for a moment. On your turn, you can take one additional action on top of your regular action and a possible bonus action.

Once you use this feature, you must finish a short or long rest before you can use it again.

3rd Level: 900 XP

Improved Critical. Your weapon attacks score a critical hit on a roll of 19 or 20.

4th Level: 2,700 XP

Ability Score Improvement. Your Dexterity increases to 18, which has the following effects:

- Your Dexterity modifier becomes +4.
- Your attack bonus and your damage for Dexterity-based attacks, such as your longbow, increase by 1.
- Your modifier to Dexterity saving throws increases by 1.
- Your modifier to Dexterity-based skills increases by 1.
- While you wear light or no armor, your Armor Class increases by 1.
- Your initiative increases by 1.

5th Level: 6,500 XP

Extra Attack. Whenever you take the Attack action on your turn,

you can make two attacks, instead of one, as part of taking that action. **Proficiency Bonus.** Your proficiency bonus increases to +3, which has the following effects:

- Your attack bonus increases by 1 for weapons you're proficient with.
- Your modifier for saving throws and skills you're proficient in (indicated by a ●) increases by 1.
- Because the modifier for your Perception skill increased, your passive Wisdom (Perception) score increases by 1.

Improving Your Armor

As you acquire treasure, you can buy better armor to improve your Armor Class. The rulebook contains equipment, including armor.