

Typical Types

(Casting directors put out character breakdowns to agents and managers asking for specific *types* of actors to fill roles from the script. This is a list of some of the more commonly called-for types in Hollywood. Feel free to create your own.)

Young Males

bad boy

boy-next-door

nerdy kid

bully

quirky/trendy

smart-ass

jock

brain

paste-eater (less cool than the nerdy kid, who has the potential to develop a new piece of software before starting college. The paste-eater will only develop a coated tongue.)

Young Females

princess

girl-next-door

trendsetter

bully

jock

brain

awkward/gawky

ingénue (the young, fresh-faced innocent that the boys want to win over and the audience is rooting for in most classic tales)

Adult Males

leading man

the nice guy

that creepy weird guy

jock

blue-collar worker

cop/career military

executive

lawyer/politician

teacher/professor

dad

computer genius

salesman

slacker

doctor/nurse

jokester

player

slimy con man

criminal/thug/heavy

artist/poet/musician

Adult Females

leading lady

her best friend

bimbo/airhead

jock

sex goddess

cop

executive/lawyer/politician

social climber/bitch

teacher/professor

mom

frustrated housewife

saleswoman

doctor/nurse

wacky neighbor

criminal

artist/poet/musician

late-start careerist

Older Actors

empty-nester

grandparent

judge

religious leader

codger/senile

Keep in mind that people love to classify types by creating hybrids. Example: "I need a young, hip, dancing Helen Hunt type," yields, say, Julia Stiles. It's just easier for people to take a known commodity and tweak it to their current needs. What would your hybrid type be?

The Archetypes as Presented by Carl Jung

The Ego Types

The InnocentMotto: Free to be you and meCore desire: to get to paradiseGoal: to be happy

Greatest fear: to be punished for doing something bad or wrongStrategy: to do things right

Weakness: boring for all their naive innocenceTalent: faith and optimism

The Innocent is also known as: Utopian, traditionalist, naive, mystic, saint, romantic, dreamer.

2. **The Orphan/Regular Guy or Gal**Motto: All men and women are created equal

Core Desire: connecting with othersGoal: to belongGreatest fear: to be left out or to stand out from the crowd

Strategy: develop ordinary solid virtues, be down to earth, the common touch

Weakness: losing one's own self in an effort to blend in or for the sake of superficial relationships

Talent: realism, empathy, lack of pretense

The Regular Person is also known as: The good old boy, everyman, the person next door, the realist,

the working stiff, the solid citizen, the good neighbor, the silent majority.

3. **The Hero**Motto: Where there's a will, there's a way

Core desire: to prove one's worth through courageous actsGoal: expert mastery in a way that improves the world

Greatest fear: weakness, vulnerability, being a "chicken"Strategy: to be as strong and competent as possible

Weakness: arrogance, always needing another battle to fightTalent: competence and courage

The Hero is also known as: The warrior, crusader, rescuer, superhero, the soldier, dragon slayer, the winner and the team player.

The CaregiverMotto: Love your neighbor as yourself

Core desire: to protect and care for othersGoal: to help others

Greatest fear: selfishness and ingratitudeStrategy: doing things for othersWeakness: martyrdom and being exploited

Talent: compassion, generosityThe Caregiver is also known as: The saint, altruist, parent, helper, supporter.

The Soul Types

The ExplorerMotto: Don't fence me inCore desire: the freedom to find out who you are through exploring the world

Goal: to experience a better, more authentic, more fulfilling lifeBiggest fear: getting trapped, conformity, and inner emptiness

Strategy: journey, seeking out and experiencing new things, escape from boredom

Weakness: aimless wandering, becoming a misfitTalent: autonomy, ambition, being true to one's soul

The explorer is also known as: The seeker, iconoclast, wanderer, individualist, pilgrim.

6. **The Rebel**Motto: Rules are made to be brokenCore desire: revenge or revolutionGoal: to overturn what isn't working

Greatest fear: to be powerless or ineffectualStrategy: disrupt, destroy, or shockWeakness: crossing over to the dark side, crime

Talent: outrageousness, radical freedomThe Outlaw is also known as: The rebel, revolutionary, wild man, the misfit, or iconoclast.

7. **The Lover**Motto: You're the only oneCore desire: intimacy and experience

Goal: being in a relationship with the people, work and surroundings they love

Greatest fear: being alone, a wallflower, unwanted, unlovedStrategy: to become more and more physically and emotionally attractive

Weakness: outward-directed desire to please others at risk of losing own identityTalent: passion, gratitude, appreciation, and commitment

The Lover is also known as: The partner, friend, intimate, enthusiast, sensualist, spouse, team-builder.

8. **The Creator**Motto: If you can imagine it, it can be doneCore desire: to create things of enduring valueGoal: to realize a vision

Greatest fear: mediocre vision or execution

Strategy: develop artistic control and skill

Task: to create culture, express own visionWeakness: perfectionism, bad solutions

Talent: creativity and imaginationThe Creator is also known as: The artist, inventor, innovator, musician, writer or dreamer.

The Self Types

9. **The Jester**Motto: You only live onceCore desire: to live in the moment with full enjoyment

Goal: to have a great time and lighten up the world

Greatest fear: being bored or boring others

Strategy: play, make jokes, be funny

Weakness: frivolity, wasting timeTalent: joy

The Jester is also known as: The fool, trickster,

joker, practical joker or comedian.

10. **The Sage**Motto: The truth will set you freeCore desire: to find the truth.Goal: to use intelligence and analysis to understand the world.

Biggest fear: being duped, misled—or ignorance. Strategy: seeking out information and knowledge; self-reflection and understanding thought processes.

Weakness: can study details forever and never act. Talent: wisdom, intelligence.

The Sage is also known as: The expert, scholar, detective, advisor, thinker, philosopher, academic, researcher, thinker, planner, professional, mentor, teacher, contemplative

11. **The Magician**Motto: I make things happen. Core desire: understanding the fundamental laws of the universe

Goal: to make dreams come true Greatest fear: unintended negative consequencesStrategy: develop a vision and live by it

Weakness: becoming manipulative Talent: finding win-win solutions

The Magician is also known as: The visionary, catalyst, inventor, charismatic leader, shaman, healer, medicine man.

12. **The Ruler**Motto: Power isn't everything, it's the only thing.

Core desire: controlGoal: create a prosperous, successful family or community

Strategy: exercise power Greatest fear: chaos, being overthrown

Weakness: being authoritarian, unable to delegate

Talent: responsibility, leadership

The Ruler is also known as: The boss, leader, aristocrat, king, queen, politician, role model, manager or administrator.