

Different Kinds of People in the College Classroom



There are as many kinds of people in a *typical* classroom as there are animals in the jungle. Each category of students seems to exhibit different unique physical and mental characteristics, and hence acquires a *nickname*, as shown below:

The Elephant: His weight is over 100 kg. He often exhibits calmness and is one of the most peaceful people in the class. He likes to eat in class. Many people respect him because of his extra-ordinary build. Yet he is often friendly, gentle, and helpful especially when people want to move heavy objects. **Nickname: The Helper.**

The Giraffe: He often hits his head against the door because it is shorter than his height. He likes to play basketball and often takes back trophies in each tournament. He often moves around swiftly but is not as collected as the “Elephant”. He often exhibits anxieties and seems like to associate with people who plays the same game. **Nickname: The Champion.**

The Lion: He is definitely the lord in the class. There is an aura of dignity around him. Though he likes to shout at and threaten people, his intention is fundamentally good. He is a natural leader in class and has many stunt followers. He is very lively, aggressive, creative, intelligent, and dramatic. However, many people are afraid of him.

Nickname: The Leader.

The Wolf: He is one of the most dangerous of all types. People who know him do not trust him as he often displays deceptiveness and likes to mislead people. He seldom speaks the truth and likes to pretend he knows everything. He seems to be as restless as the “Giraffe” and often absent from class. **Nickname: The Liar.**

The Dog: He is the watch dog of the class. He has very good sense of smelling and can alert the class 15 seconds before the teacher enters the room. Unlike the “Wolf”, he makes friends easily and people like him. He is respected and adored in the class. He is clever, selfprotective, and the “Wolf” hardly can trick him. **Nickname: The Pet.**

The Cat: His favorite hobby is to sleep in the class. His worst enemy is the “Dog” who often barks him up from sleep. Though he is the mildest in the class, he displays dignity and strength of the “Lion” when cornered. But he has helper - the “Elephant” - whenever he needs support and protection. Apart from sleeping, he also dreams during lectures. **Nickname: The Dreamer.**

The Rat: Unlike his predator “Cat”, he never sleeps nor dreams and fond of eating in the class like the “Elephant”, especially chocolates and cakes. He is timid and a bookworm. Sometimes, he is found weeping silently in the corner. He has small build and an inferiority complex. He lives a solo life in the class with very few friends. **Nickname: The Loner.**

The Snake: He likes to seduce people in the class and some people

are most afraid of him. Sometimes, his seduction extends over to other classes. He can skillfully maneuver his tactics even with his seniors and is even craftier than the “Wolf”. Though he is a reptile, he is a “registered” member in the animal kingdom. **Nickname: The Seducer.**

Finally, **The Homo Sapiens:** In the evolutionary ladder, he is already a human. So he is the smartest, cleverest, and wisest of all types of people in the class. His performance is always top in the class, and his manner polish, helpful, lovely, friendly, and studious. He is teacher’s favorite. He has countless friends around and everyone admires him. – **Nickname: The Model Student.**