

What's the difference between a geek and a nerd? A detailed infographic finally explains it all!

GEEK VS. NERD

History:
The terms geek and nerd were first used in the 1950s to describe people who were socially awkward and had a strong interest in science, technology, or other niche hobbies. The words were popularized by the 1955 film "The Sandlot" and the 1960s TV show "The Sandlot".

Geek Traits
Geeks are known for their deep knowledge of a specific subject, often at the expense of social skills. They are often seen wearing glasses and have a strong interest in technology, science, and pop culture.

Nerd Traits
Nerds are often seen as socially awkward and have a strong interest in science, technology, and other niche hobbies. They are often seen wearing glasses and have a strong interest in science, technology, and other niche hobbies.

Geek Talk
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Factoids/Stats:

- 87% of geeks are male.
- 95% of geeks have a degree in a STEM field.
- 90% of geeks are single.
- 85% of geeks are over 30 years old.
- 75% of geeks are over 40 years old.
- 65% of geeks are over 50 years old.
- 55% of geeks are over 60 years old.
- 45% of geeks are over 70 years old.
- 35% of geeks are over 80 years old.
- 25% of geeks are over 90 years old.
- 15% of geeks are over 100 years old.

Geek and Nerd Movies

Movies Geeks Love...

- The Matrix
- The Matrix Reloaded
- The Matrix Revolutions
- The Matrix Online
- The Matrix: Complete Edition
- The Matrix: The Complete Second Edition
- The Matrix: The Complete Third Edition
- The Matrix: The Complete Fourth Edition
- The Matrix: The Complete Fifth Edition
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Some [Geek definitions](#) as provided by Wikipedia:

- *A derogatory reference to a person obsessed with intellectual pursuits for their own sake, who is also deficient in most other human attributes so as to impair the person's smooth operation within society.*
- *A person who is interested in technology, especially computing and new media. Geeks are adept with computers, and use the term hacker in a positive way, though not all are hackers themselves.*
- *A person who relates academic subjects to the real world outside of academic studies; for example, using multivariate calculus to determine how they should correctly optimize the dimensions of a pan to bake a cake.*
- *A person who has chosen concentration rather than conformity; one who passionately pursues skill (especially technical skill) and imagination, not mainstream social acceptance.*

... and now, these [Nerd definitions](#):

Nerd is a derogatory stereotype of a person typically described as socially-impaired, obsessive, or overly intellectual.

They may spend inordinate amounts of time on unpopular or obscure activities, pursuits, or interests, which are generally either highly technical, or relating to topics of fiction or fantasy, to the exclusion of more mainstream activities.

Other nerdy qualities include physical awkwardness, introversion, quirkiness, and unattractiveness.

Thus, a nerd is often excluded from physical activity and is a social outsider.

In the stereotypical high-school situation, they may be either considered loners by others, or they tend to associate with a small group of like-minded people.

As with other pejoratives, nerd has been reappropriated by some as a term of pride and group identity.

Do you stick with Nerds or Geeks? Do you recognize yourself in which profile?

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